

## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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In regard to the terms of reference:

A> Economic viability etc

As a hobby owner/breeder, prizemoney has not kept ip with increased costs.

Which has meant I've had to send my dogs interstate to race for more \$ or to have the dogs be more competitive in lower grade races.

It is not possible to send dogs to country tracks due to extremely low prizemoney, because the majority of races are only \$300 to the winner, and should you be so lucky to win a race, most country trainers take 50%. And if you win a few races the dog gets outgraded and doesn't get a run for weeks on end, meaning you have to pay the trainer despite not getting a run, thus making the whole exercise futile. Cost for food etc are the same everywhere & given the intensity required, the break even point is rarely achievable.

This is made worse by the fact that very, very few races are even covered by radio broadcasts, let alone tv., taking away any enjoyment of watching your dog race.

It's a fact that a hobby owner like me, who might buy a dog every two years, the chances that dog being competitive on TAB tracks is quite low.

B> The current administration seems hell bent on "empire building".

Have a look at the number of staff & the huge % of income spent in "administration costs"

But Blind Freddy can see the sport is hamstrung by the infamous Intercode agreement !

G>The previous auditor quit because he felt GRNSW wouldn't let him do his job correctly, that is Independantly ( and he published that !)

I> GRNSW have done a good job in this area

J> There should be no restrictions in breeding.

Restricting breeding will affect 100's of jobs & all those supplying services to the sport will not gather or pay GST, reducing NSW 's share.

99% of breeders give their pups a massive amount of care & attention, whether they intend to sell pups or not.

Most hobby breeders usually only sell enough pups to cover their costs anyway.

K. Regular kennel visits would help participants keep up to date and informed of current standards, providing the person inspecting isn't a nit picking anti.

Any standardisation of kennel rules should only be bought in after thorough Industry consultation.

L. Extremely harsh penalties for mistreatment.

Not sure about financial incentives -Most participants I've met do everything possible re home injured dogs & try very hard to relocate lesser standard dogs to areas of lower standard racing.

This is relatively successful, the last one I gave away to a newcomer to the sport and he is still racing (in Victoria) and is going on 4 years old.

M> Mostly OK. but GRNSW does not seem to enforce the requirement to advise them of a death.

Recording injuries may recognition of where a track might need to be improved in some way.

N> any other related matter :

1> The Intercode Agreement.

A tremendous blight on the NSW Greyhound Sport

Totally unfair to the sport.

The administrators who signed off on this must rank as some of the most inept, incompetent numbskulls ever to have a responsible position in the sport.

One legal person advising all 3 codes ???!!!

Unbelievably, legal advice to GRNSW about the ICA was given ( and accepted !!) by a person retained by Harness Racing NSW !!

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED :

Why wasn't the Cameron Report ( related to %) acted upon?

Why hasn't the 15 year review been published?

Why does Racing Minister Souris brush aside the complaints?

Finally, when the Committee does get the actual ICA, PLEASE CHECK THE ACTUAL TERM, 99 YEARS, IS ACTUALLY IN THERE.