

**Submission  
No 953**

## **INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW**

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Dear Director,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into this important inquiry into greyhound racing.

I am very concerned about the treatment of greyhounds in the racing industry in NSW.

I believe the breeding of greyhounds should be restricted to a number of licensed breeders. At the moment anyone can breed as many dogs as they wish but have no responsibility for the humane treatment of these beautiful dogs.

My nephew has adopted two greyhounds that were found in dreadful conditions and taken by the RSPCA. For the Select Committee to ignore the main cause of misery for these dogs by failing to regulate their breeding is to turn our heads and allow these creatures to be ill treated in the name of gambling.

I believe the following points need to be adopted:

1. The need for better management of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds.
2. The need for measures, such as financial incentives, to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year.
3. Allegations of the 'doping' of dogs (as I saw on ABC).
4. Concern about the welfare of animals in the industry and the conflict of interest represented by Greyhound Racing NSW's role in establishing and enforcing standards for the treatment of animals in the industry.
5. The need for prosecution where animal cruelty is found.
6. The inadequacy and questionable integrity of data collection in the industry: including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanased and injury rates.
7. The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws, like Macau.

I urge you to take these issues into account and I hope this Inquiry leads to strong recommendations which will improve the treatment of these dogs.

Sincerely,

Helen Lyons-Riley