

## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Submission for Enquiry into Greyhound Racing in NSW.

I am strongly opposed to Greyhound racing in any form and would prefer to see it stopped altogether as it is exploitation of vulnerable beings.

Of great concern specifically is that over 80,000 greyhounds were born in 2003-2009, yet only a small fraction were registered as racing.

I am very concerned about the welfare of animals in the industry and call for a much stronger role for Greyhound Racing NSW in establishing and enforcing acceptable standards of treatment of animals.

Prosecutions for animal mistreatment need to be consistent with the offence. Currently nobody is being made accountable.

The integrity of data collection needs to be governed to endure accuracy and adequacy in relation to the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanized and also injury rates and outcomes.

A society can be judged on how it treats its most vulnerable members. Dogs are vulnerable. They are trusting and loyal and are referred to as "Man's Best Friend"

When we look at the Greyhound Racing industry, it's sad to think that this is how we treat our "Best Friends"

In closing, I urge the enquiry to safeguard the welfare of these docile and innocent animals, notwithstanding a total ban would be the ideal outcome.