

**Submission  
No 413**

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

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The Director  
Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in NSW  
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From

Tess Pierchorowicz

My name is Tess Pierchorowicz, I have lived in Bondi Beach for over 20 years and as a member of the NSW community I have written this submission to express my concern about the *greyhound racing industry's poor treatment of dogs* and the *lack of transparency around animal welfare issues*.

To my knowledge there is no independent oversight of the greyhound racing industry and the industry is governed by Greyhound Racing NSW. It would appear this creates a *conflict of interest situation*.

There are allegations of misconduct re animal welfare such as dogs being fed performance drugs and horrific estimations such as in Australia 17,000 greyhounds are killed each year.

Re homing programs seem to be very limp , I read recently that only 300 dogs had been re homed since 2009.

I am of the opinion that regarding the area of animal welfare the greyhound industry

- needs to be transparent
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- have independent oversight
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- have clear guide lines/rules on animal welfare
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- have very strong penalties for non compliance

I am hopeful the NSW Parliamentary inquiry into Greyhound Racing NSW will make some recommendations along these lines and am grateful for the opportunity to share my opinion

Thank you for your time and support on this issue.

Kind regards

Tess Pierchorowicz