

**Submission  
No 976**

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

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Dear Director,

Thankyou for the opportunity to give my input into this vitally important and well overdue inquiry.

Having worked in a pound for over 9 years now, I have personally seen the results of the greyhound racing industry and have had the responsibility of rehoming the lucky ex-racing dogs that come into our care. Sadly however we have also had the dogs come into our care that have been injured on the track (One male that we had surrendered into our care by a breeder stated that dog was healthy, however we soon discovered he had a serious injury to his front leg that required specialist orthopaedic surgery and the fundraising of \$3500 to pay for it !). They however are the lucky ones - We have also be left with the terrible decision to have to hold these beautiful dogs whilst they are euthanased due to issues such as mammary cancer as the dog has never been desexed so she could be used as a puppy factory.

I'm not going to list all the issues that need to be investigated with this horrid money making industry as I'm sure you have already received so many letter outlining these - however I just wanted to give the point of view of an animal lover who is passionate about what she does and is then left to pick up the pieces of these poor animals that racing discarded!

I appreciate the time that is being taken to investigate this industry and hope for a positive outcome for the present and future dogs that will be involved.

Sincerely,

Alice Thompson