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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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As a conscientious owner of 2 pets, I urge the government to take action to improve the shameful conduct of the greyhound racing industry. These gentle dogs are often drugged and abused, then cruelly slaughtered when they are no longer able to make money for their owners. The purpose of this industry? To provide entertainment for "bogans" and to enrich the gambling industry.

This industry needs to be more closely policed to fight the following crimes:

--Doping. This causes health problems for the dogs, in addition to being bad sportsmanship.

--Methods of euthanasing unwanted dogs. Some have their blood drained from them whilst still alive

--Animal cruelty & race fixing. Some racing personnel will accept bribes to squeeze a dog's testicles to impair its racing performance.

If people must race dogs for entertainment, then let's ensure the dogs aren't treated so shabbily.

Sincerely,

Michelle Heeter