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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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What I would Like to Say:

My name is Michael O'Donoghue and my Father is Dennis O'Donoghue who has had Greyhounds all his life and I would love to be involved in Greyhound racing as it is a very healthy sport but I cannot do so owing to the high cost of rearing a Greyhound which costs are prohibitive. My Father said it costs between \$6,000 - \$8,000 to rear a Greyhound for myself.

I am 23 years old and I would love to be able to afford this and be involved in this very healthy ~~sport~~ and open sport but I cannot afford it and I would dearly love to be involved

Your's Sincerely

Full Name:
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Some of my male friends discussed this and they would also like to be involved in the sport of racing a greyhound, but ~~we found~~ it again found the costs too prohibitive.

I have watched my Father struggle to rear and feed his Greyhounds and he tells me that many others do so also find it difficult just to sustain their sport. It is essential that the sport has longevity if young people are not encouraged to enter the sports now, given the fact that most Greyhound trainers are aged between 40-60 then there will be very few new trainers and owners to replace them when they retire.

I am really concerned about inequity in the current system. Greyhound racing NSW receives 13% of the TAB takings, despite generating more than 20% of betting revenue. I am reliably informed that Greyhound Racing NSW has strongly argued that this innerquality has cost the code \$125 million since 1998.

Please investigate and rectify this injustice

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