

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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to whom it may concern.

in regards to the greyhound racing in nsw inquiry.

greyhound racing in nsw is at its critical worst at present times.
attacks from mainstream media with false accusations only making it worse.

there is two main things i believe this industry needs to survive, clearly number one is viability.
we are contributing to over 20% of revenue from the tabs. yet stuck on 13% for another 80 something years.
non tab clubs are closing because they cannot survive with extreme limited funds.

non tab clubs are mostly from the country towns across the state and one city club. this is where 99% of our
greyhounds come from. and most owners and trainers live.
this industry just will not survive without all of these clubs, in the last few years to over a decade alone we have
lost moss vale, forbes, orange, albury, cessnock, cootamundra, griffith, narrabri, queenbeyan, and wyong.

we just cannot afford to lose anymore tracks, as you can see those tracks range from the bottom of nsw to the
very top. that is alot of greyhounds, owners, trainers, punters and general fans.

all these tracks, included with the tracks we have today used to race 3 or 4 times a month. these tracks currently
here today are lucky to race 2 times a month. AND THERE IS LESS TRACKS!

all the people in these areas are hobbyists and these animals have a life long home when they are finished.

our prizemoney is going backwards very quickly, owner, trainer numbers are down in extreme amounts. we just
cannot afford to keep going, our love of the animal is what is keeping us here, but at high costs to our pockets.

nsw used to be the benchmark in greyhounds, the best greyhounds, the best prizemoney, the best crowds, the
best everything. it is now behind everyone and trying to catch up to something that is running away much
faster.

number two is animal welfare.

most trainers will do everything they can to rehome a loved greyhound. i'd like to point out that all trainers love
their greyhounds.

grnsw does a great job at trying to rehome as many greyhounds they can, as do other adoption programs. but
again with limited funding, they can only rehome limited numbers.

with more funding they can promote more, house more greyhounds for longer and the adoption numbers will
go up infinity %.

and again this falls back on our terrible 13% we get. when we are generating over 20%

all this extra funding would contribute immensely.

we need help.

thanks

chris