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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Subject: Increased regulations require to stop animal abuses for profit

Dear Director,

Whilst the remainder of this letter is part of a form letter, please understand that this is only so that I can better express my thoughts and wishes. I have actively rescued and fostered ex-racing dogs and feel quite passionately about the current practices occurring within the racing industry. I sincerely hope that this review results in tighter regulations and financial incentives which will make it harder for those trainers who lack decency and integrity to treat these dogs in the manner they currently do!!!!

I strongly believe the current regulations allow unacceptable abuse of these beautiful dogs.

These are the main points I believe should be considered by the Committee:

1. The need for better management of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds.
2. The need for measures, such as financial incentives, to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year.
3. Allegations of the 'doping' of dogs (as I saw on ABC).
4. Concern about the welfare of animals in the industry and the conflict of interest represented by Greyhound Racing NSW's role in establishing and enforcing standards for the treatment of animals in the industry.
5. The need for prosecution where animal cruelty is found.
6. The inadequacy and questionable integrity of data collection in the industry: including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanased and injury rates.
7. The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws, like Macau.

I urge you to take these issues into account and I hope this Inquiry leads to strong recommendations which will improve the treatment of these dogs.

Sincerely,

Lyjelle Tinsley