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## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I have been involved in the greyhound racing industry my whole life. My life has been devoted to my beloved animals and it sickens me that people are determined to continually portray me- and the sport I love- in a negative light.

All of our greyhounds are given the best of care, unconditional love, and are well adjusted animals. They love what they do and regardless we love them. I currently have nine greyhounds with my family- three of which are retired.

My hope was that this inquiry would resolve the inter-code agreement structure to give participants, like myself who love their dogs, a fair go. The industry does not receive its worth in funding and this is severely distressing.

While I agree that the industry needs to improve in some aspects, I do not agree with the new 'focus' of the inquiry being on animal welfare issues. The vast majority of trainers love their dogs and treat them well – those who don't are a minority and are looked down upon by fellow participants. They are also caught out often and punished for their actions.

I do not feel that it is right to punish us all for the few that do make mistakes. As a whole the industry is filled with great people who love their animals. Recent RSPCA raids in my area have been conducted and have revealed nothing but healthy and happy dogs- I can provide proof of this if required

I think that if the inter-code agreement was restructured, then it would give us what we need to improve our sport and satisfy not just ourselves, but those who feel the industry needs improving. The answer is not to attack the industry, but to work with us to create an outcome that suits everyone concerned.

I have an extensive list of contacts that would be too happy to back me up with their representations of the industry and how they feel about their chasers