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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I am opposed to the Greyhound racing industry which exists purely for the socially destructive purposes of gambling.

I am appalled by the number of greyhounds bred for racing each year. According to "Greyhound Racing - Don't Bet on it" 300 out of 80133 greyhounds have been rehomed by the Racing Industry rehoming scheme between 2003 and 2011, which is pathetic and demonstrates an obvious lack of will to find homes for these dogs. Many die at the track every race meet. They either die from injury or must be destroyed. The Greyhound racing industry equates to a dog killing industry.

I am also appalled by reports of doping and the use of live bait, such as rabbits, possums and cats. Haven't we progressed past this yet? Bans were put in place 30 years ago but it seems that these are very poorly regulated.

I am also saddened by to hear that poor racers are sent to places such as the university of Queensland where they are used by students in lab experiments. Dog Rescue agencies would endeavour to rehome these dogs and give them a place where they could be loved and would love in return (Greyhounds are delightful, gentle creatures and they make great pets).

Please put an end to Greyhound racing.