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Hon Robert Borsak MLC

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Select Committee of Greyhound Racing in NSW

Dear Sir

The Dubbo Greyhound Racing Club wish to submit the following submission to the
Select Committee Parliamentary Inquiry into NSW Greyhound Racing.

The Dubbo club has raced at its present location since 1972, the club is viable, in a secure
position, well supported by Greyhound Racing NSW and is the sole owner of the
property. The club has progressed from Country Non-TAB Racing to TAB C Racing.

The Dubbo club supports the 2008 Alan Cameron Report. Review of wagering and
future sustainability of Greyhound Racing industry stated it was necessary to consider the
Inter-Code Agreement to address future growth and sustainability with legislation to
override present agreement.

Disparity of taxation levels makes it difficult for NSW to compete statewide which will be ongoing and cause a drift of greyhounds from NSW to Victoria because of the higher prize money, this is detrimental to the future of the industry in NSW and in turn leading to reduced capacity to contribute to the State economy.

MANAGEMENT

Greyhound Racing NSW has introduced improved regulations and levels of operating standards aimed at improving club governance, financial management, racing presentation and asset management; Continually raising the standards for the betterment of the industry. Plus

- Computerised nomination forms, fields and scratchings,
- Website and form database.
- Consistent funding flow
- Increase in TAB Meetings

INTEGRITY

Greyhound Racing NSW control and testing for doping is continually being increased with TAB clubs now employing special swabbing officials at all race meetings. Live feeds of race broadcast and video conferencing equipment allows for instant communication between tracks and the 'control room' at Greyhound Racing NSW head office. Plus

- Kennel block surveillance;

- New registration applications require Police Probity Checks;
- Microchipping of all greyhounds;
- Compulsory DNA testing of breeding greyhounds;
- The selling and breeding of greyhounds is regulated and recorded with all movements monitored from time of birth.
- Disqualified persons are barred from tracks and greyhound contact.

WELFARE


Greyhound Racing NSW established its own Greyhound Welfare and Veterinary Services Unit which includes the provision of on-course veterinarians at all TAB meetings, local veterinarians are required to be in attendance at all nonTab meetings.

- Racing kennels, rearing establishments and breeding facility inspections are carried out at registration
- A mandatory Code of Practice for greyhounds in training outlines minimum standards of accommodation, management and care that is appropriate to the needs of the greyhound.
- Track expenditure focusing on improvements to minimise risk to the racing greyhound is a priority with new funding arrangements available under the Safety, Racing and Welfare Maintenance Fund.
- Hot Weather Policy.
- Registration of breaking-in and trialing facilities and personnel
- Treatment Registers

- Introduction of Performance trials for non raced greyhounds to ensure their readiness to race on TAB tracks.
- Greyhounds as Pets Program
- Education and Support Unit

This is submitted in good faith after discussion with the directors of the Dubbo Greyhound Racing Club and we sincerely hope that it is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely


Patricia Ronneberg
Secretary

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