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## **INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW**

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am firstly happy to hear that there will be an inquiry into the greyhound racing industry in NSW, however I have major concerns about what the inquiry is actually going to cover and investigate.

My concerns are somewhat justified with news of people concerned with the inquiry as well as those involved in Greyhound Racing NSW moving the focus towards the investigation of funds and money in regards to the industry, however there is much more important aspects to investigate, areas and aspects which would possibly render the semantics of fund distribution void and null.

Early this year I watched an interview in which Brent Hogan (the CEO of Greyhound Racing NSW) admitted to the fact that around 3000 greyhounds are euthanised each year in NSW alone (this would be only the amount that GRNSW would know of).

The main questions that the inquiry should be investigating first and foremost are, how come there are thousands of greyhounds being euthanised each year? Why are there 1200 or so registered litters of greyhounds each year and 3000 (at a minimum) greyhounds being killed each year, how come if you add up the figures, that there should be at the very least 50000 greyhounds alive and well in NSW alone?

GRNSW claims they are rehoming dogs, yet how come Greyhound Racing NSW they only rehome around 0.5% of the ex-racing greyhounds? Why are they not helping fund other greyhound adoption groups.

Why are Greyhound Racing NSW a self-governing body with no transparency and no one to report to? It is akin to the fox running the hen house.

Why does the greyhound racing industry receive funding from the government through the TAB, why are funds that could be used for a number of worthwhile causes/people/animals/infrastructure be redirected back to a dog-killing industry, as when you break it down, that it all it is, at least 3000 dogs killed last year in NSW alone, that 3000, that equates to 8 dogs a day.

As an inquiry into this 'industry', animal welfare should be it's priority, if it is not, then quite clearly that it is another inquiry into the funding and money involved in killing dogs

Yours sincerely  
Daniel Hollingsworth