

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

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I am strongly opposed to the continuation of greyhound racing in New South Wales. My main reasons for this are set out below.

Dogs are treated as commodities and over breeding leads to large scale killing of greyhounds. Many puppies are killed even at birth. There are reports of inhumane methods of killing, often of healthy animals.

Many dogs sustain injuries whilst racing, these injuries are often fatal.

There are reports of the use of performance enhancing drugs used on the animals and also reports of links to organised crime.

There is insufficient commitment by Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) for the welfare of the animals.

Insufficient re-homing program adopted by GRNSW.

Greyhounds are exported to countries with inadequate welfare standards.

There is insufficient regulation and monitoring of animal welfare by GRNSW.

If greyhound racing is not banned, I submit that there should be significant improvement for the welfare of greyhounds, as follows.

There should be an increase in GRNSW funds allocated to improve animal welfare. There should be close regulation of GRNSW's Code of Practice and heavy penalties for those who fail to abide by the Code of Practice.

A percentage of betting funds should be used for animal welfare and re-homing greyhounds.

A reward to be offered to those who report inhumane killing methods and those who report use of live baits during training.

There should be a ban on the killing of healthy greyhounds.

Phase out the use of cornered tracks to reduce injury toll.

There should be a ban on export of greyhounds to countries with inadequate welfare regulations.

There should be a ban of the use of ex-racing greyhounds in research or for use in veterinary schools.

I thank you for the opportunity to make this submission on behalf of racing greyhounds. I trust that the outcome of the enquiry will ultimately be advantageous to the greyhounds' welfare.

Sincerely  
Helen Ryan