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## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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As a trainer of companion dogs, I find it very difficult to understand the treatment of greyhounds in the racing industry. I spend my spare time educating people on how to treat dogs humanely, how to care for them properly and to take responsibility for the life they have taken into their home. The fact the "professionals" in the dog world can't do those simple things is disgraceful, and sets a horrible example for the general public. This industry needs to be held accountable for the responsibilities it has for the dogs in it's care.

These are the main points I believe should be considered by the Committee:

1. The need for better management of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds.
2. The need for measures, such as financial incentives, to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year.
3. Allegations of the 'doping' of dogs (as I saw on ABC).
4. Concern about the welfare of animals in the industry and the conflict of interest represented by Greyhound Racing NSW's role in establishing and enforcing standards for the treatment of animals in the industry.
5. The need for prosecution where animal cruelty is found.
6. The inadequacy and questionable integrity of data collection in the industry: including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanased and injury rates.
7. The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws, like Macau.