

**Submission  
No 991**

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

**Name:** Ms Sandra Graham

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Dear Inquiry,

Whilst I heartily believe that it is blatantly obvious that what is happening in the greyhound industry is horrific and disgusting and needs to be heavily regulated and animal welfare laws created and enforced, I am glad that an inquiry is being conducted.

Australia (as well as most developed countries) has come a long way in recognizing the role that strong animal welfare regulations play in creating a civilized, compassionate and functioning society. To allow the grey hound industry to continue to treat these gentle creatures as if they are no more than rubbish to be discarded without any responsibility to where the dog ends up or how the grey hound is treated is shameful, disgraceful behaviour. If any other business behaved in this manner, it would be labelled negligent at best.

We're allowing this industry to wipe it's hands of its responsibility to these animals, and it's not right that the pressure is placed upon compassionate individuals and resource stretched welfare associations to be the ones to do the right thing. The Greyhound Racing industry needs to grow up! It needs to take responsibility for the welfare of these animals for the entirety of its (long, natural) life, ensure that only racers who will breed and race their dogs in a ethically responsible way are allowed to race and create laws (and punishments) for irresponsible greyhound racers who are living in the dark ages.

Exporting greyhounds overseas must be stopped, and greyhounds must be tracked and monitored to stop these beautiful animals from 'disappearing' once their value and running careers are over.

I wish you all the best and trust that you will do the right thing by these animals and ordinary Australians who are appalled that this is happening.

Sincerely,

Sandra Graham