

**Submission  
No 849**

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

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Dear Director,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into this important inquiry into greyhound racing.

I am very concerned about the treatment of greyhounds in the racing industry in NSW.

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

1. Currently greyhounds are being overbred, which leads to a high number of them being euthanized each year. This situation is patently unacceptable.
2. Allegations of the 'doping' of dogs (as I saw on ABC) have to be investigated and action taken to prevent this from happening in future.
3. Greyhound Racing NSW's role in establishing and enforcing standards for the treatment of animals in the industry clearly represents a conflict of interest and should not be allowed to continue.
4. Data collection in the industry: including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanized and injury rates is of questionable integrity and should not be relied upon in decision making.
5. The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws, like Macau, is a disgrace and should not be allowed.

I urge you to take these issues into account. It is my sincere hope that this Inquiry will lead to strong recommendations which will improve the treatment of these dogs.

Sincerely,

Annarosa Berman