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

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Performance,

The performance of GRNSW is notably poor, greyhound racing keeps going backwards which is why the industry is in turmoil. There seems to be no co-ordination or stability with staff, no positive conversation, no communication with participants.

Procedures are changed at random for no equitable reason and at more costs, eg-earbranding, microchipping and grading. [see more information below].

GRNSW have more TAB meetings now for no monetary benefit and the participants are paying the cost, with less prize money. Owners and trainers still pay to get onto meetings they are supplying the greyhounds for, with the exemption of 2 tracks. Wentworth Park and Dapto. This could be classed as a discrimination to other clubs as the number of paying customers is a part of standards clubs have to fulfil.

Staff are uneducated in greyhound racing, rude and do not know the relevant information for their positions.

Administration costs have risen considerably to the value and quality of service received.

Decisions made recently make no sense when participants are told the financial position is not viable.

Capability

GRNSW are not capable or intuitive when it comes to running the industry, their performance has shown this repeatedly since they have taken over the industry.

Bad decisions have plagued GRNSW.

The NCA debacle-millions of industry dollars wasted to no avail

Earbranding-GRNSW had regional based earbranders working for minimal money effectively, puppies were earbranded at 3 months, in time for their compulsory 3 month vaccinations. Appointments made by participants directly to earbranders. GRNSW changed this procedure to their city based stewards doing the earbranding, travel and accommodation costs would have far outweighed the previous arrangements. Resulting from this is a back log of puppies not being earbranded until they are 5-6 months old causing problems with vets vaccinating and also the sale of pups. All this is stressful to breeders. As well as being earbranding GRNSW decided to microchip puppies which is added stress to puppies.

In my opinion pups do not need both procedures done, 1 or the other should be sufficient identification.

Grading is another big issue to participants, GRNSW have changed the grading rules that many times it is now so complicated and difficult that their own graders can not obtain satisfactory results.

There is also little to no communication with clubs and participants as to information regarding the industry, secrecy seems to be the norm for GRNSW.

Records and paperwork are another area where capability is insufficient, participants have to chase paperwork needed for racing, selling or registering documentation. Slow processing and a nonchalant attitudes are unsatisfactory.

Governance

As far as running a country club as volunteers it is a full time job and is extremely difficult, with standards the same as tab clubs it is near impossible and often has no relevance for country clubs, but it must be done. GRNSW has no respect for volunteers and country clubs, they can throw committees into bedlam when new rules and regulations are to be enforced. eg-vets at all meetings, online change over [These objectives were handled appallingly].

Clubs

There seems to be no checks and balances of clubs function and funds to ensure they are being properly looked after, Clubs get into trouble financially to no investigation from GRNSW, where monies have been misappropriated or mishandled GRNSW do not follow up or put in any actions to correct these situations. They will close or deregister a club. There seems to be no proper regulation to follow these cases through, no investigations made.

The standards are the only thing they seem to be interested in.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Less administration costs

More efficient and well trained staff.

More participant involvement in discussions and decisions.

Streamline and minimise earbranding and microchipping procedures and costs.

Simplified grading system

Promote more club efficacy and professionalism.

Initiatives for all clubs, more realistic standards.

Rewards for good performing clubs.

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