

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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The Director,
Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in New South Wales,
Legislative Council,
Parliament of New South Wales,
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in regards to Greyhound racing in New South Wales and would like to submit my concerns with this industry.

Firstly, I foster and adopt retired Greyhounds and Greyhounds that have never raced but need homes after being relinquished or dumped. Therefore I have firsthand knowledge of the collateral damage done to these Greyhounds from this unregulated industry. My work is voluntary and I only work with voluntary run organisations.

There should be a mandatory breeding cap for Greyhounds. The breeding of Greyhounds is not regulated and this is one of the biggest problems with the industry. The over breeding leads to a huge destruction rate of healthy, young animals, all in hope of a winner.

The doping of Greyhounds is widespread. Greyhound Racing NSW cannot regulate this problem. It is impossible to regulate as there are so many dogs, many race meetings all over the state and too many unscrupulous owners/trainers that will find any means to hide what they are doing to these beautiful dogs. There are responsible owners/trainers who race their dogs on their natural ability and will try to re-home them through adoption organisations, but sadly these people would be the minority.

The New South Wales Government has allowed this industry to continue (Labor and Liberal) as they happily receive revenue from it.

Australia should be seriously moving in the right direction by phasing out Greyhound racing and the New South Wales State Government should take a stand and commence a phase out period especially in rural areas. The exploitation of these animals is deplorable.

Yours sincerely,

Shan Patterson