

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

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Our Greyhound Racing industry is slowly going down the drain, up until now it has seemed no one was interested. I personally since 2012, then in 2013 have sent numerous emails and telephone calls, to try and get help from Minister Souris, the Premier, Minister Oxley and numerous other ministers, it was like a roundabout , the Premier, he would pass them onto Minister Souris who in turn would pass them onto the GRNSW Independent Board, the Chairperson Eve McGregor. I never actually received a reply stating some one was listening , or had any intention of helping. Of all the emails that had been sent, the only person whom replied was Mr David Clarkson a member of the Independent Board.

1.. Firstly I wrote to try to get Cessnock Greyhound track back, a great , safe track, best in Australia track wise. Percy Allen stole this from us. this was 2012.

2.. Then we tried to get a Fair deal in the Greyhound Industry. The Cameron Report, so unfair. 2013.

3.. The Gardens, that has had a question mark against it since it was opened. It should never of happened. They were advised by a Secretary of a Bowling Club , not to go there.

In the beginning it was great, looked like it was to be first class.

Track was not safe on the first corner, many accidents. Brian Barrington was brought back and supposedly fixed the first corner, to this day the start from the 400 metres is deadly you hold your breath as the greyhounds go around, you need a certain type of greyhound to handle this corner.

Rumour had it that the NCA were in great problems money wise, GRNSW has bailed them out , GRNSW then owning 70% , the NCA owning only 30%.

This now has changed because sadly the NCA have after all these years gone bankrupt. Now GRNSW own 100% percent. Now GRNSW has put the NSW G.B.O.T.A in as caretakers until January 2014.

I wonder what will happen then. ?????

4. We were told GRNSW was to close more country tracks, I believe this happened because it was stated the CEO Brent Hogan allegedly asked Minister Souris for 4million dollars. Minister Souris refused.

So to cut costs more country tracks had to go.

I personally sent an email to Minister Souris and asked for him to intervene, which he did. I also sent emails about this to the board of the GRNSW, informing them that if this happened they would sign the death warrant of many greyhounds.

Tracks have not closed but GRNSW has taken their dates away, they will not survive with a limited number of dates over the year. Greyhounds will have to go to heaven , there will not be a enough dates. for them to race.

5.. Greyhound Racing N.S.W in my opinion, and many other owners and trainers , feel they are not doing their jobs properly..

Things were better before Greyhound Racing was taken from the Government and made into an independent body. We all Greyhound Owners and Trainers, Breeders, and interested and passionate parties have no say what so ever in our own sport. As stated in the Landa report , I quote 'No where in the whole world is there a sporting body run like the Greyhound Industry, where participants have no say in their sport.

7.. INTEGRITY we were supposed to have a glass view and integrity

We do not have this, it is a rule for one but not the same rule for everyone. This also should be looked into, there is no Fairness.

There are many other things that could be said , I realise you will only have so much time. I have tried in my way to cover how I and my family and many others feel. We are sick and tired of the way our industry is being run, Mr Percy Allen's prophecy has not worked for us.

He has nearly broken it, I for one would love to ask him, What on earth was he thinking of, he has wrecked and broken something that was not broken. Its seems it was a job for boys all being friends together.

Please help if you can, there are so many of us that love our greyhounds, and think very highly of them. We are so passionate about them , I think if we had to we would run our charges just for the fun and love of it. We shouldn't have to though , the Greyhound Industry makes plenty of money for the NSW Government.

Thankyou for letting me have my say, this is appreciated.

Most of all thankyou for listening.