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

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The inter code agreement, as it stands, does not reward racing codes, for turnover results, instead it props up one code, to the detriment of another. Greyhound Racing New South Wales (GRNSW), reports that in two years they will not be viable. To the participants this is worrying to say the least. If the greyhounds received their fair share, this would give them the boost needed.

Being involved in greyhound racing for over 40 years, I have seen many tracks in New South Wales disappear. Many clubs having to show cause. These tracks need stability, so they can plan for the future. Long term licenses, so they can generate long term sponsorships. Getting rid of non tab tracks, is not the answer. this is where young dogs start their careers, and the older dogs can compete, to extend their racing careers. These tracks, race mostly on weekends, when hobby trainers who, work can race. Most tab tracks, race mid week. Meaning some trainers cannot race.

When we were under Greyhound Racing Authority, they had many more participants to oversee, and had 16 staff. Now GRNSW have in excess of 50 plus, with less participants.

Solution

1. Government look at over turning the inter code agreement, and reward racing codes, for their tab turnover.
2. Employ experienced regional development person.
3. GRNSW, review and cut back on their staff.

Regards,  
Michael Grant.

3rd October 2013.