

**Submission
No 944**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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To whom it may concern,

I have been a punter/owner/breeder in NSW for 15 years

I have worked in the industry since I was 16, ranging from bookmakers clerk to working overseas for biggest corporate bookmakers in UK and Vanuatu to where I am now punter/greyhound owner/breeder/trainer and I consider my knowledge of the industry to be complete

I currently own 42 racing greyhounds and an uncountable number of pups and broodbitches but of the 42 greyhounds just 8 are based in NSW for reasons detailed below (3 in Victoria and 31 in New Zealand with that number rising rapidly)

As much as I love watching my greyhounds race in person, it has reached a point where it is not viable to do so in NSW with prizemoney levels falling well behind other states and New Zealand.

Although being a passionate greyhound supporter I have recently turned to harness racing where I have purchased a large number of horses from NZ, prizemoney levels in harness racing are at a premium at the moment and I can see my interest increasing if this inquiry comes of nothing.

Id also like to comment from a punters perspective, I consider myself to be one of the biggest if not the biggest greyhound punter in NSW and with all the higher class of greyhound going interstate or NZ its hard betting on the lower echelon of greyhound with confidence, meaning smaller pools

Our big Group race attract 4-8 heats max but Melbourne and NZ attract 10-12 heats always Its got to a point where I'm almost turning over more money on NZ dogs on NZ tab then I am turning over on NSW greyhounds with NSW tab because of this reason and its only get worse

Everything I do is funded on business principals and if this situation doesn't change unfortunately I can see myself having no interests in owning or betting on greyhounds in NSW in the near future

Yours sincerely,
Bradley Canty