INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Terms of reference {a} The economic viability of the greyhound racing industry in NSW. Heading- Inter code agreement and prize money for greyhounds.

I have been training greyhounds for 40 plus years and can only say that it is now very difficult to own and train greyhounds. The very small increases in prize money are falling way below the increases in costs to keep greyhounds. If the greyhound industry turned over only 6% per annum, for instance, would the inter code still be in existence?. I think not. The two horse codes would have had it squashed years ago. Instead they receive millions above what they earn and are happy to see the greyhound slowly die. I think the percentage earned by each code should be the percentage received. If the inter code agreement is not changed to ensure the greyhound industry get a fair go, we cannot continue the industry in NSW. Already a number of owners are sending their greyhounds interstate and to New Zealand where they are getting better returns.

I thank the committee for the opportunity to submit this submission.

Yours sincerely, Jeff Jaeger.

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