

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Personal Submission Geoff Rose.

This submission supports the viability of Greyhound Racing as expressed in the joint industry submission on the subject. I am the Chairman of the management board of the GBOTA (Greyhound Peak Industry Body) .

My personal views support the viability of greyhound racing through the productivity gained through the performance of the volunteer workers including myself in the sport.

I worked as a coal miner and took interest in industrial matters, I then proceeded to managerial jobs and retired with greyhounds and duties involving administration at firstly the Gunnedah Greyhound Track and then advanced through the administrative network of the GBOTA.

The “work for the dole” schemes have been a great benefit for our club, the community and the workers themselves.

I recently convened a celebration dinner and round table conference to provide details is submission to this inquiry and invited 20 past and present “work for the dole” workers who had kept fairly regular contact with the club. Of the number invited of the number contactable twelve could not turn up because of work commitments which is not a bad advertisement for the club or the scheme. The most dramatically successful of these “former volunteers” was a chap who learned concreting on the job and started his own company down South and employed three of his work for the dole workers onto his staff.

People when they are thrown out of work for various reasons loose confidence and feel they are uncompetitive in the work market. I find that the volunteers are always totally focused and I am not sure that they are less productive than people working in a competitive atmosphere where the work focus can be tangential.

There needs to be a lot more facilities for the people in the various work schemes and I recommend that authorities need to be vigilant in their policy and approach to this rich source of endeavor.

Best Regards

Geoff Rose.