

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Having participated in greyhound racing for over 50 years & in that time have been owners, trainers & breeders. My husband & I have lived & work all our lives, had our children, watch our grandchildren & great grandchildren grow, they all love the dogs as much as we do.

We, like so many couples in our age bracket actually rely on our dogs to keep us going, something to get us up in the mornings, to ready ourselves to go racing & meet old & new friends, to boast or winge as the case may be. Take racing away from us & where does that leave us?

I have also seen lots of changes, from independent tracks run solely by volunteers to what we have today, the same small tracks are still very dependant on volunteers but with growth in the overall industry comes corruption & jobs for the boys & this I feel has a lot to do with the position our sport is in plus the fact the division of tab income is so unevenly dispensed.

I cannot understand why so many people are required at the top level of management all on high wages who appear to do so little & also appear to know very little about the business they are running & the people who make it happen it seem to me that they sit there & think up stupid things for the clubs to do, the paper work is ridiculous.

If they took a leaf out of the treasurer's book at the Young greyhound club & see how things can be turned around by someone with brains & dedication from deep in debt to very financial

Yours faithfully

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