

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I am strongly opposed to the continuation of greyhound racing in NSW for the following reasons:

- High rates of over-breeding and large-scale killing of greyhounds
- Industry's acceptance of high level of greyhound 'wastage'
- High rates of injuries sustained during racing, often fatal
- Reports of the use of performance enhancing drugs on the animals
- Reports of inhumane methods of killing, often to healthy animals
- Reports of links to organised crime
- Insufficient commitment by Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) for the welfare of the animals
- Lack of funds means no animal welfare improvements planned
- Insufficient regulation and monitoring of animal welfare by GRNSW
- Lack of close regulation of GRNSW's Code of Practice
- Insufficient penalties awarded for breaching animal welfare standards
- Ineffective re-homing program adopted by GRNSW
- Greyhounds exported to countries with inadequate welfare regulations
- Distinct lack of importance awarded to the welfare of the animals