

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON GREYHOUND RACING

Re The economic viability of the Greyhound Racing Industry in N.S.W

" WHY SOME ANIMALS EAT THEIR YOUNG "

Unthinkable as it may be, it is not uncommon for some species to eat their young. WHAT HAS THIS TO DO WITH GREYHOUND RACING ! PLENTY !

Animals from birds to fish do it. WELL, In the Greyhound World , its is when another Track is foreclosed.

Many race Tracks are in Danger of shutting down. WHY?

Many participants believe the answer is the controlling body. The real answer is close if we consider the array of possible reasons.

One of the most likely reasons is, If an Animal Devours it young, There is Less competition for food. In the case of Greyhounds, read money.

So be it with Greyhound Governing Bodies. Over the years, it is well documented that the cost have been escalating dramatically.

The authorities have plundered the purse for management. Prize money has not paralleled the inflation rate but expenses have. The S.O.S is out - SAVE OUR SOULS-. So what does the mother ship do in a time of touch of the short's ? SIMPLE . Cannibalizes its young. and so it is with the establishment.

If they close a Track , The Mother Ship Survives. Shades Of Mac Heath.

When the Shark Bites. The Poor Blighters who no longer have a Track? BLAME THEM, BLAME THEM----- ITS THEIR FAULT !

Meanwhile, we have as Graying Tombstones, closed tracks. Oh, the form line reads right but the Mother ship remains with a leaking hull that can only be fixed by Cannibalizing its young. They are about to give the industry a severe blood letting.

Perhaps, they should hang out the red and white striped barber pole for Tracks destined to be razored.

Again and Again, we witness our Country Compatriots being ask to KOWTOW to a centralized establishment sending out --SAVE OUR SOULS-.

What is forgotten is that taxation on betting is what really pays the way. The People in Authority should remember the money has been given to them. They didn't INHERIT IT, It was't gifted nor did they work for it. The divine right of Kings have long faded. Don't our Country cousins contribute to this pool when they place a bet ? Don't they deserve their fair share in the pool? Obviously Not ! The belt tightening should be felt by all in the industry , not the privileged few. A consultative process, would help and would go a long way in getting the industry on side, this would have a far better acceptance.

The Unfair inter- code is killing us and GRNSW is helping !

The following, is a quote from then Racing Minister Mr Grant McBride 31.3.2003

Race Meetings are about building communities and supporting the social fabric in local areas, I have stressed repeatedly to administrators of commercial operations in all three codes of racing. That they have a responsibility to communities, country racing is the roots of the tree and if the roots are nurtured, the tree will grow tall and strong. We must recognize that the economic rationalist model does not apply to racing people, people become involved in local racing because they want to.

One must remember TAB and CITY DOGS in vast majority of cases are "BUSH DOGS" that learnt their trade on bush tracks, which means "NO BUSH DOG'S- No city and tab dogs coming through they learnt their trade in the bush and the volunteers have basically kept the country tracks alive , with little or no help from GRNSW the two city clubs over many years have wasted our funds , What i find very strange, a so called country club based in the heart of Sydney metropolitan area. I hope this inquiry brings this mismanagement to a end

Thank you all for this opportunity

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