

## **INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW**

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COUNTRY TRACKS NSW. VERSUS GREYHOUND RACING NSW and MINISTER GEORGE SOURIS.

BACK IN 2013 MYSELF AND FOUR OTHER PASSIONATE LADIES, TRIED TO RAISE MONEY TO PAY THE DEBT CESSNOCK GREYHOUND RACING OWED TO GRNSW. I BELIEVE THIS WAS A POLITICAL ARGUMENT, AND PERSONALITIES CAME INTO IT WITH MR. PERCY ALLEN AND THE SECRETARY OF THE CESSNOCK GREYHOUND TRACK. MR. CHRISOPHER MCKAY.

WHEN WE REALISED THIS WAS NOT GOING TO WORK, MINISTER SOURIS WAS AT THE MUSWELLBROOK GEYHOUND TRACK, MYSELF AND THREE OTHER LADIES APPROACHED MINISTER SOURIS, WE ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD PLEASE HELP US TO GET RACING BACK TO CESSNOCK. THE QUESTION WAS ASKED OF HIM , WOULD IT HELP IF WE GOT A PETITION TOGETHER, WOULD HE BE ABLE TO HELP ?.

HIS WORDS, I QUOTE " YES I THINK I COULD, I KNOW TWO I COULD GET ON SIDE, THERE IS JUST ONE OTHER." UNQUOTE I SAID WOULD THAT BE PERCY ALLEN, I THOUGHT HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF YOURS, DIDNT YOU GO TO SCHOOL WITH HIM? MINISTER SOURIS REPLIED NO HE DIDNT GO TO SCHOOL WITH HIM, HE MET PERCEY ALLEN IN THE TREASURY.

WHEN AFTER MANY EMAILS TO MINISTER SOURIS ASKING FOR HIS HELP. A REPLY WAS RECEIVED, THAT MINISTER SOURIS WAS UNABLE TO TELL GRNSW WHAT TO DO AND NOT WHAT TO DO , HE WAS UNABLE TO HELP US.

MINISTER SOURIS PROMISED YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS SPORTING MINISTER BEFORE. HE WOULD MAKE SURE THAT THE GRASS ROOTS OF THE INDUSTRY WILL BE LOOKED AFTER. MINISTER SOURIS'S PROMISES ARE LIKE PIE CRUST THEY CRUMBLE. HE LET US DOWN BADLY, AND NOW AGAIN IN 2013, HE BROKE HIS PROMISE.

THEN I HAD WORD THAT BRENT HOGAN, CEO.,GRNSW HAD INTENTION OF CLOSING SOME OF OUR COUNTRY TRACKS, .

I THEN WROTE AGAIN TO MINSTER SOURIS AND TOLD HIM WHAT I HAD HEARD, IF HE ALLOWED GRNSW, CEO AND THE INDEPENDANT COMMITTEE TO CLSOE THESE TRACKS, GRNSW AND HIMSELF WOULD HAVE MANY GREYHOUNDS BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS.

MINISTER SOURIS THEN INTERVENED AND TOLD MR. BRENT HOGAN HE WAS NOT TO CLOSE ANY COUNTRY TRACKS UNTIL HE HAD SPOKEN TO HIM. I BELIEVE THE INTENDING CLOSURE OF COUNTRY TRACKS WAS BECAUSE GRNSW WAS RUNNING OUT OF MONEY. HE WAS TOLD TO SORT HIS OWN ADMINISTRATION OUT . AS HE HAD ASKED MINISTER SOURIS FOR A GREAT AMOUNT OF MONEY.

WE THOUGHT THAT MINISTER SOURIS'S INTERVENTION WOULD HAVE HELPED, IN A WAY IT DID IN A ROUND ABOUT WAY. IT SAVED THE CLOSURE OF THE COUNTRY TRACKS, BUT IN MR. DARRYL SIMPSONS WISDOM, THE MONEY TO THE COUNTRY TRACKS WAS SO DRAMATICALLY CUT, THAT THE COUNTRY TRACKS ARE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET. SO THEY HAVE NOT CLOSED THE COUNTRY TRACKS, THEY MR. DARRYL SIMPSON AND GRNSW HAVE MADE IT SO THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SURVIVE. I ADD HERE ,I SAY , MR. DARRYL SIMPSON IS INVOLVED BECAUSE HE WAS THE PERSON THAT WROTE THE LETTER TO ALL THE SECRETARIES OF THE COUNTRY TRACKS.

YOURS MOST SINCERELY,  
PATRICIA GROIZARD