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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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SUBMISSION TO SELECT COMMITTEE INQUIRING INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Terms of reference: The closure of Cessnock TAB track. **SELECT COMMITTEE**

Heading: Unfathomable decisions by G.R.N.S.W.

On the closing of Cessnock greyhound club I would like to put forward the following points of interest:

1. When the track was closed at Cessnock its TAB holds were between four hundred and five hundred thousand dollars per week. While the favoured track Maitland TAB holds were only one hundred and twenty thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand per week: seeing this is the case, can someone from G.R.N.S.W. please explain this decision as it defies logic.
2. G.R.N.S.W. has a multi-point criteria for TAB tracks, one of them being that the facility must be self-sufficient without greyhound racing: this obviously does not count for G.R.N.S.W. Gardens complex, which would have a for sale sign on it the day that greyhound racing ceases. Cessnock is still operating after seven years, without the income generated by greyhound racing, as the best trial track in the state: and it is a shame to see the best one-turn greyhound track in Australia reduced to this level.
3. Cessnock facilities far excel the facilities at Maitland as far as participant comfort, parking, dog-emptying areas, track safety, and any other aspect of greyhound racing.
4. One of the real reasons for Cessnock's closure, is its very high nomination flow: which would have put the Gardens at risk of not receiving enough nominations, and that did not suit the decision-makers.

5. If greyhound racing returns to Cessnock the committee and myself assure patrons that it will operate all aspects of racing at the highest level, and move the club forward with innovation and commitment.

Signed: Jeff Jaeger. President.