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## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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To the select committee on greyhound racing in NSW

I am a greenkeeper and have been interested in greyhounds for the last 30 years as an owner and breeder. My main concern is the cost of travel and the fact that I cannot race in my own area at Cessnock when I previously I had purchased a property in the area for the purpose. It was obvious to everybody at the time that Cessnock was a fast growing area as the surrounding areas were full of international and other development and this would reflect on developments on track.

Kind Regards John Crossley To the select committee on greyhound racing in NSW

If everyone was being honest the reason that Cessnock was taken off the TAB list was that it was independent in a race in the Hunter by the NCA and GBOTA for supremacy. This situation does not exist now as GRNSW has solved the conflict by removing NCA from the equation. They should continue the good work and restore Cessnock

Yours Sincerely Donna Crossley To the select committee on greyhound racing in NSW

I am one of the many Volunteers who have worked on the Cessnock Showgrounds over the past 7 years to get it up to scratch. I am confident that racing could return in a much better condition than when it left. Cessnock has all the potential of gathering participants and crowds as the area is only a stones throw from the Sydney leisure market and ready for a big increase in international tourism including people from countries interested in greyhound racing, no other area in the hunter with racetracks has this potential so why not get on the tourist bandwagon and reopen the track.

Kind Regards Crystle Crossley