

**Submission  
No 207**

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

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- 1) Mandatory muzzling for ALL dangerous breeds of dog in public, not just greyhounds
- 2) Tighter controls on breeding to curb the ballooning greyhound population
- 3) Tighter controls and background checks on all owners, trainers and breeders with clemency for those who have served their time and pose no threat of recidivism
- 4) A more equitable share of government funding to the greyhound racing industry - in particular struggling country tracks
- 5) Significantly ramp up prizemoney in the bush to cover prohibitive travelling expenses, encourage city class dogs and their trainers to travel to the country as Zoom Top once did to the delight of crowds
- 6) Promote greyhound racing for what it is or potentially could be - the only sport an entire family on a budget can enjoy together for a lifetime - and instilling invaluable family and community values and teaching mutual respect and love for one another
- 7) Stronger penalties for repeat offenders (ie lifetime bans or prison)
- 8) Zero tolerance for drug cheats
- 9) Consolation races for slower and older greyhounds
- 10) Give every greyhound a fair chance to win and education campaigns like Life Education travelling shows to promote the enjoyment and safety of owning a retired greyhound as a pet so long as you have a decent backyard and don't mind a brisk walk mornings and nights to keep fit as a fiddle and LOSE WEIGHT
- 11) Encourage owners of retired greyhounds to show them at Dog Shows - create a whole new industry based on grooming and obedience training and affectionate play once the greyhounds are past their racing use by date
- 12) Feel free to consult me at any time as my heart and soul is in this sport, having grown up on a greyhound orphanage with Uncle George & Nana saving hundreds of dogs lives by giving them a kennel even as pensioners when friends of their were no longer able to keep their dogs. He got many an old dog back to the race track and won many races with veterans such as Quick Stitch who as we all know broke the Lithgow 706m track record at age 5 years 2 months winning the John Redden Trophy Final in 1982. At the time it was a Guinness world age record. He went on to Invitation Class at Harold Park and Richmond. But then again Old George & Noeline Costandis LOVED their dogs. And so did I.