

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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GRNSW GRADING POLICY.

It is absolutely ludicrous when a Free For All Greyhound at Wentworth Park over 520 metres, can come onto a 'B' TAB meeting over 400 metres, be classified a 4/5 th. Greyhound.

If you are a FFA at Wentworth Park, it should be FFA. on any track you race on.

Excluding distance races example 700 metres.

It is very unfair to grade a dog that has only won one or two races against a dog that has won 20 races.

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Regardless of distances dogs are running, they should be classified the same grade on all TAB tracks. For instance a dog classified Free For All. at the Gardens over 400 metres , if nominated for another B grade track at the same distance, should still be classified as Free For All.

Not a lower grade because they have not won ex amount of races on that track.

There should be races classified Non Graded over all distances , for dogs four years, and above. These fine athlete's love to race. Not only that it would extend the life of the Greyhound.

I have seen Greyhounds on a race programme six years old and still winning.

I personally think the Grading Policy should be brought into suiting all racing participants and not just the large kennels.

The grading policy needs to be looked at seriously and cater for all.

CAMERON REPORT.

Whom ever thought of this 99 year lease has not had any thought into the future'. My Husband and I have been racing and keeping greyhounds for pets over the last 40 years, my sons have followed into their Fathers footsteps.

Our industry is slowly dying, not only because of the Cameron Report, it is one of the reasons , prize money has not increased as it should have done over the years.

We want our fair share, a decent price for the hours we put into our Greyhounds. I believe the Government gets a mighty sum in the way of taxing our industry. The horses do very well , also the trots, we the greyhound industry are treated like the poor members of the family.

GRNSW and NSW GBOTA , NCA (before they went bankrupt) , none of these bodies were interest or showed any concern about our wishes. Even Minister Souris was not interested, Premier Farrell read my email and passed it onto Minister Souris, he inturn passed it on to the GRNSW Independent Board. They did not seem to be interested.

I attended a meeting with Mr Robert Whitelaw and other members of the No Show, before it became the NSW Greyhound Action Group. We met with the CEO Mr Brent Hogan who seemed genuinely concerned, made lots of promises to help, even said he would use our solicitor, stated that GRNSW would pay the solicitors fees. This never happened he didn't help. Promises were made but not kept. He lead us up the garden path.

Only now, have we looked like getting any where, because of the hard work Robert Whitelaw, Dennis Carl and Tony Gannon and Minister Clayton Barr our local Member for Cessnock. Especially now you gentlemen have listened, believed and have organised a Parliament Inquiry. Thankyou it is appreciated, at last someone has listened.