

**Submission
No 64**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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My submission relates to the oversight of Integrity within the Industry. Currently, an Integrity Auditor is appointed by Greyhound Racing NSW. The appointed Auditor may well exercise high levels of integrity when inquiring into matters relating to the rank and file, but is nigh well neutered when looking at aspects involving members of the Board that appointed him or her. How is a subordinate officer capable of conducting a risk assessment on his senior officers and what is he or she to do if corrupt conduct is ascribed to a member of the Board or the CEO? Who do they turn to to remedy the situation.

As for complaints by people within the racing industry, they are investigated by a Lawyer appointed by the Board. Tell me, how independent would a complaint investigated by that person be, especially if it involved the CEO, a Member of the Board or the Stewarding Staff.

The old saying of 'Who Guards the Guards' is very relevant in this situation and the inquiry should look at ways of having issues of Integrity assessed by an independent body. Greyhound Racing NSW is a quasi Government body so why not have the governance of Integrity assigned to either ICAC or the NSW Ombudsman as are all Government Departments.