

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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For the attention of the Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in NSW

I am strongly opposed to the continuation of greyhound racing in NSW for the following reasons:

- Greyhounds are bred in high numbers with only a small number of them ever being trained to race and fewer still making it to the track. This leads to a high volume of dogs being killed each year.
- Racing greyhounds and those used for breeding should fall under the laws of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (POCTA) and not under the mantle of a self-regulated industry that has no interest in animal welfare.
- The greyhound racing “industry” thinks that the high level of “wastage” (death) is acceptable.
- There is a lack of transparency regarding the fate of the many greyhounds that are injured during training and/or racing.
- There is a lack of transparency regarding the fate of pups and young dogs deemed “not fit” for racing.
- There is a lack of transparency regarding injuries sustained by pups and dogs in kennels some of which are left untreated by a veterinarian and which, ultimately, lead to them being euthanized or killed by other means.
- Trainers are suspended for the use of performance enhancing drugs on dogs (cocaine amongst the drugs used) but never face criminal charges for possessing an illegal substance or charges of cruelty.
- As a self-governing body (especially being one where the turnover of money is paramount) Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) leaves itself wide open to corruption and cover-ups of any illegal practices.
- Lack of funding and commitment by Greyhound Racing “industry” for the welfare of the animals.
- There is little or no regulation and monitoring of animal welfare by GRNSW.
- Penalties imposed for breaching animal welfare standards are of little or no consequence to the guilty party.
- Australian greyhounds are being exported to countries with no regulation relating to animal welfare issues.
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- Illegal training practices (the use of live lures/blooding) still continue despite being illegal.

