

**Supplementary
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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When conducting the inquiry into Greyhound Racing NSW, please, please, please disregard the situation portrayed on the recent report screened by the Australian Broadcasting Commission as their '7.30 Report' in early October, 2013. It was highly skewed and sensational and in my view, journalism at its very worst.

No doubt a number of submissions will emanate from that Broadcast, a lot to do with animal welfare. I have trained greyhounds for many years and I can say that I have never used drugs on my dogs and know of a lot of my fellow trainers that are like me. GRNSW currently conducts swabs on greyhounds that have competed in races on an unprecedented level, yet in the washup, only a miniscule fraction of those swabs have returned a positive reading. I treat the dogs that I train with dignity and ensure that they have the very best of veterinary care, are well fed, and comfortable in their day to day lives. I also know of many trainers that treat their charges likewise.

The flames fanned by the ABC 7.30 report should be rebuked by the Inquiry and any animal liberationists making spurious claims about the treatment of these graceful animals investigated and not taken at face value.