

**Submission
No 545**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Messrs,

I submit that the exploitation of animals such as dogs and horses for entertainment has in Australia been largely immune from standards of common decency, albeit subject to certain laws enacted by those who in years past did not and could not anticipate the extent to which our society would gamble and take pleasure in the heights of the performance of the helpless creatures.

I request that the Committee have regard to the time-frame of those two interacting factors - the law and the culture - and that the opportunity you now have to rescue suffering and discarded animals is precious and critical.

The Committee is urged to recognise the significant amount of evidence it will no doubt have of the collateral damage that is being done to unwanted puppies and underperforming dogs.

While sport in Australian society is an enormous industry, industry is an unfortunate word when the welfare of our fellow creatures is considered. We have a moral duty to protect dogs and prevent breeding them for what amounts to a cruel and unnatural sport.

Respectfully,

Peter Grullemans