

## **INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW**

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There are a number of issues with greyhound racing, I am sure the commission is aware of them and will weigh them up with the human entertainment and financial rewards.

I will outline a few here:

- excessive breeding (most of whom never race as they are not deemed 'winners') and then killing of unwanted greyhounds.
- Winners don't last long and fresh batch are brought in following year, so that even the previous winners need to be disposed of
- Regularly accidents on the tracks mean that the dogs legs are broken. Greyhounds legs are fragile, once this happens they are no longer raced and often destroyed.
- Stats for Australia are hard to find but in the US it is estimated that in the year 2000 alone 19,000 greyhounds were destroyed in connection with the racing industry (puppies not deemed racers and unhomed cast offs from previous years racing)
- This report by The Times (UK) highlights these issues more articulately  
<http://www.greyhoundaction.org.uk/timesReport.htm>
- In most places across the world greyhound racing is in decline (largely due to peoples concern with welfare), is it really a sustainable business?
- Image attached is of unwanted previous race winner.