

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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To whom this may concern,

Greyhound racing in nsw is in big trouble and will only get worst .All GRNSW seem to be doing is closing tracks down in the hunter valley and the surrounding areas.We have lost more tracks over the years then we have left. Singleton ,Wyong, Appin, Beaumont park, but the most important track Cessnock. Who had the best tab holdings and safety record of any track even the tracks that are left standing today. Cessnock was the safest one turn track for all dogs .It accommodated all dogs from sprinters to stayers with a near nil injury rate to the most important thing, the greyhound.Every meeting at Cessnock was always full ,back then the grading system was understandable to all not like today where their chasing nominations to fill meeting. Cessnock always had full races from all distances week in week out. The crowds were amazing making it an enjoyable evening for families to attend.The bookmakers used to be lined up but still the tab holdings was in front of today's tracks.

For the committee members that aren't familiar with the beautiful greyhound dog , greyhound racing is a sport for the everyday person.The fare dinkim Aussie battler . Most greyhound trainers have been raised on the knowledge passed through generation to generation.A greyhound trainer will tell you, the dog gets looked after better then them.

What's going on we are killing greyhound racing in the hunter. We are racing for a percentage of what the other states are receiving in prize money.The question needs to be asked , Is it that the other states are being run better then us , i'm not sure but what i am sure of is GRNSW wont exist without the trainer and the greyhound so the more trainers that are lost to interstate location or just get out of the game because they can't keep up with the costs ,the more this state will slip behind.

How about making it a fair playing field as it's just as costly to feed a dog in NSW as it is in other states. The Greyhound trainer has had enough of the irresponsible behavior and decisions of those who have no idea what they are doing . Lets get some people with real knowledge of the racing game in the right positions and get on with getting our game back to what it was.