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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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To select committee on Greyhound Racing NSW

Committee Members, it is my belief that regulations regarding integrity and welfare of our greyhound dogs is best left in the hands of our industry which understands and reacts to any need to make the racing and retirement life of our dogs as safe and comfortable as possible.

Air conditioned and purpose built race track kennels are now the norm and the trainers facilities are constantly inspected to ensure that the housing of their greyhounds are up to standard and the dogs are kept in a clean and healthy environment. A dog can't win if it is not fit and healthy and this fact alone, apart from the trainer's love of his dog, is the incentive to do the right thing.

The one thing we can't control is the funding and the Tax collection that has been imposed upon us with no regard to holding back our industry and allowing us to grow and thus supply more income through expanding turnover and the income this creates for all parties including State Tax.

Prior to the resigning of the 99 Year Agreement I attended a meeting at the Wyong Race Club presided over by the then NSW Government Racing Minister Grant McBride at which many statements were made including the racing industry as a whole would receive 1% of poker Machine Tax to help compensate for the extra Tax burden NSW Racing industry pays compared to Victoria. Naturally this never occurred and the exodus of our better performing dogs to Victoria is partly the result of the excessive Tax take.

We should be allowed to prosper or flounder on this income from our efforts and not be expected to take anything less than our fair and hard earned share.

Yours Sincerely,

J. Miles