

**Submission
No 913**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Director,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into this important inquiry into greyhound racing.

As the owner of a rescued greyhound I am not only concerned by but appalled at the treatment of greyhounds in the racing industry in NSW. I feel that current regulations allow unacceptable abuse of these beautiful dogs.

These are the main points I believe should be considered by the Committee:

1. The need for better management of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds. Restrict how many can be bred.
2. The need for measures, such as financial incentives, to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year.
3. Allegations of the 'doping' of dogs (as I saw on ABC). The drugs used on these dogs have long term health implications It needs to be stopped now.
4. Concern about the welfare of animals in the industry and the conflict of interest represented by Greyhound Racing NSW's role in establishing and enforcing standards for the treatment of animals in the industry. It's time for a completely independent body.
5. The need for prosecution where animal cruelty is found.
6. The inadequacy and questionable integrity of data collection in the industry: including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanased and injury rates.
7. The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws, like Macau.

I urge you to take these issues into account and I hope this Inquiry leads to strong recommendations which will improve the treatment of these amazing, beautiful, gentle dogs.

I urge you to spend some time with a greyhound. Visit a shelter, walk them, stroke them, watch them play. They are a truly gentle and downright lazy breed. Their treatment by the racing industry is disgusting.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Lamb