

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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SUBMISSION TO SELECT COMMITTEE INQUIRING INTO GREYHOUND RACING
IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Terms of Reference (g)

“the effectiveness of the current arrangements for, and role of, the Integrity Auditor of
Greyhound Racing NSW”

I am concerned that the only oversight available to participants is the Integrity Auditor. The position of Integrity Auditor is both appointed by GRNSW and funded by GRNSW.

Although the Integrity Auditor operates independently of GRNSW this person cannot act unless he/she is properly funded.

There have been a total of 3 Integrity Auditors since 2009. The first Integrity Auditor did not answer his mail. The second Integrity Auditor resigned after GRNSW would not fund a review he wanted to carry out. I am not aware of any complaint in which the third Integrity Auditor has found in favour of the complainant.

I believe the concept of Integrity Auditor is flawed on two counts. The first is that the person is appointed by GRNSW. The second is that the funding for the position is dependent on GRNSW. My view is that there should be a completely independent body that participants can go to with their complaints. I also believe that GRNSW should come under the jurisdiction of ICAC, the Auditor General and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. I cannot understand why the thoroughbreds come under the Administrative Appeals Tribunal yet neither GRNSW nor HRNSW does.

I am attaching a document received under a Freedom of Information Request which suggests that the current Integrity Auditor has his decision reviewed by the CEO of GRNSW before replying to the complainant.

I attach one document in support of this submission. It is an email from the Integrity Auditor to the CEO of GRNSW re a complaint from my daughter to the Integrity Auditor. This email was received from a Freedom of Information request.

Mrs Susan Absalom

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