

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

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 November 2013 8:01 PM  
**To:** greyhoundracing  
**Subject:** Protection for Greyhounds!!

Dear Director,

Thank you for looking into the current treatment of greyhounds and for looking for ways to provide a better future for them. These intelligent, loving animals do not have a voice to speak out for themselves.

For some time, I have been very concerned about the treatment of greyhounds in the racing industry in NSW. I feel that current regulations allow unacceptable abuse of these beautiful dogs.

The main points I believe should be considered and acted upon by the Committee:

1. The need for better management of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds .
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 .
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.
5. The need for prosecution and harsher penalties 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 strongly urge you to take all of these issues into account and I hope this Inquiry leads to strong recommendations which will improve the treatment of these dogs.

I know a few families who have adopted greyhounds as family pets as they were no longer "useful" to their owners in the racing field.

A gentler, more loving pet would be hard to find. Greyhounds are living creatures with feelings, like all other creatures, and thrive on love and kindness.

Please look after there welfare and future. They really need you to be a voice for them - you are the keepers of their safety and wellbeing.

Sincerely,

Wendy Sentance