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**INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND WELFARE AND
INTEGRITY COMMISSION**

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To whom it may concern.

I make this submissions in support of maintaining and strengthening The Greyhound Welfare Integrity Commission. Welfare should never be given back to the commercial arm of Greyhound Racing NSW.

If I may share a short story. 20 Years ago I used to buy the Greyhound Recorder, a form guide and news publication for all things greyhound racing, printed twice weekly at that time.

In one of the twice weekly editions, towards the back they would list all the rule breaches by Industry participants, a long list for things like dog x, urine sample found to have 100 times the acceptable level of caffeine. Penalties were usually something like a \$100 fine for trainer x.

I would often think gee that dog won \$3000 for a win at Wentworth Park and they stung them a lousy \$100 for cheating and drugging their dog.

This was the done thing, day after day, year after year, decade after decade while GRNSW was in charge. Only since GWIC took over and you can see this almost to the day has welfare improved, penalties for cheats have become a deterrent and things have generally gotten better.

When you have been around a sport long enough as I have with greyhound racing you can see why the commercial arm that being GRNSW say they can do welfare and handle the dollars and cents aspect but with these types of organisations money always wins out.

Thank You