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**INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND WELFARE AND  
INTEGRITY COMMISSION**

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Hello there,

I am grateful the NSW Legislative Council has established this inquiry into the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.

I was 46 years old when I got my first dog. The joy, love and companionship I got from her was indescribable and immeasurable. It made me much more conscious of animal welfare and, in particular, how we treat dogs.

A number of friends have adopted ex-racing greyhounds and they are beautiful, calm, sweet animals. The back-stories to their lives brings me immense sadness and discomfort.

Exploitation and abuse stories continue to come to be exposed, despite the industry saying they are cracking down on this. It's heart-breaking, and when animals and money are pitted against each other, we can be assured it's animals that will always come off second best.

The GWIC is important and we need it. We need a commission to advocate for the dogs and ensure their welfare is upheld. But we need a commission that is fully funded and supported, with that funding coming from the Government and not Greyhound Racing NSW, the very industry that the commission is meant to be investigating. And we need a commission with teeth - that can actively investigate and prosecute the industry for misdeeds.

As a society we are only as good as how we treat those less fortunate than us. Dogs that we are supposed to care for fall under that. They deserve better, and as a society we have the funds, the knowledge and the compassion to do better. Let's do that. And if we have to have a Greyhound Racing industry (though I vehemently wish we didn't) let's at least have a commission that can advocate effectively for them.

Thank you for reading.