

**INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND WELFARE AND
INTEGRITY COMMISSION**

Name: Name suppressed

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Submission from

OPTIONAL - please tick the box if you are willing to provide information in person at the Inquiry:

☒ I wish to appear in person to provide information to the Inquiry.

1. Introduction

I am 61 years of age and have been involved off and on in the greyhound Industry all my life when work commitments and other interests allow.

I am an owner, breeder and trainer of greyhound dogs along with my wife and have a purpose built facility on our property.

I am currently an elected Director of the G.B.O.T.A (Greyhound Breeders Owners and Trainers Association). I am a very passionate participant in search of an even, transparent and fair playing field for all.

I am available to appear in person to provide you information as required. Like many people involved in this sport my verbal communication exceeds my written skills.

2. Body

I have a number of issues to raise in regards to what I believe is a highly miss managed industry, which then creates and fosters problems within the sport.

- *I reported acts of what I believe is fraudulent activity in regards to signing and cashing of CASH cheques with no documentation, embezzlement by participants funds as I see it. Reported to GWIC and no satisfactory reply or action.*
- *Act of a dog being reportedly poisoned in trial kennels on a race track and dying in the vet practice with no action.*
- *Reports of live baiting and the like on track with no action.*
- *The case – a person being disqualified for a lengthy period (2 years) because of a contamination issue in a swab leading to a family separation and children's lives being destroyed.*
- *Reports of bullying and intimidation at participants premises.*
- *Myself let down by a system that has failed, information given verbally and in writing as well as allowing a dog to be drawn in a race series by the grades and later have the dog disqualified from winning and placing in the series and myself being branded a liar and cheat abhorrent.*

There are many more confronting issues that rise on a daily basis, I hear these issues as a fellow participant and GBOTA Director.

3. Conclusion & Recommendations

As you can surely see there are far too many issues facing our much loved sport to summarize in a short submission.

I can list many others if required to with notice.

I believe the rules in our sport are being used in a manner not to help and nurture the sport, but to bully, intimidate and degrade the participants till they walk away.

All we want is a fair, even, transparent playing field to enjoy our loved greyhounds.

Without proper Industry Management and consultation by people who know and understand all the facets of greyhound racing and associated activities we are being strangled to a certain death.