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**INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND WELFARE AND  
INTEGRITY COMMISSION**

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The Greyhound Welfare Integrity Commission has done nothing to help greyhounds, it has been used to fool the public into thinking they are monitoring the greyhounds health and welfare.

The GWIC is controlled by Greyhound Racing NSW, The GWIC must become independent of GRNSW and ensure greyhounds are fully protected and owners/trainers held accountable.

The NSW government must totally fund the GWIC so they can ensure all greyhounds are fully protected and their health and welfare is the only priority, recouping the full cost of funding from GRNSW. Disciplinary action for the trainers/owners who breach legal requirements set out by the GWIC is non-existent. The GWIC is totally influenced by GRNSW, it must be a priority to ensure GWIC is totally independent of GRNSW and GWIC has the manpower to protect every greyhound and the design of racetracks and ensure safety standards are implemented in this cruel industry, whether owners/trainers are registered or not.

I am Secretary of Happy Paws Haven Inc, a no-kill companion animal charity, west of Grafton. The greyhound racing industry in the Grafton area is a perfect example of no checks on the owner/trainers and the greyhounds health. Happy Paws Haven takes in greyhounds (the lucky ones) for rehabilitation and eventually for adoption into safe, loving homes. One case of the owner/trainer taking 6 greyhounds to the Vet hospital wanted the greyhounds to be euthanised, they were no longer of use to her. The greyhounds were in appalling health, they had no Vet checks, Happy Paws Haven nursed them back to health with the help of the Vet, all costs were paid by Happy Paws Haven.

Another instance, the trainer/owner was going to retire Max the greyhound and send him to Happy Paws Haven, at the last minute he decided to race him one more time. Max broke his hock during that race and was sent to Happy Paws Haven to be nursed back to health and hopefully find a loving home.

These are two examples of no checks on owner/trainers or the greyhounds by the GWIC. These are the greyhounds that have been given a second chance. NO-one knows what happens to all the greyhounds that have passed their use by date, we can only assume that they have met a cruel death. Greyhound Breeders must be banned, the shocking truth is when trainers/owners discard their greyhounds they are able to purchase more pups. Greyhounds have suffered for too long, it is time to end this shocking, violent, cruel industry. There are no checks on the living conditions of greyhounds, so many of them spend the majority of their life locked up in cages.