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**INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND WELFARE AND  
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Greyhound racing must cease. It is clear and obvious there is no ethical way to carry out greyhound racing, and even calling it an “industry” is wrong. The slaughter of animals for meat may be necessary for human welfare consumption, but there is no way in which racing greyhounds for profit is necessary or adds anything of value to our society.

Although I feel for people who have raced greyhounds for many years, whose livelihoods have depended on it, and who have never questioned whether the activities they are undertaking are moral or not, they must change with the times like the rest of us. Like many jobs in the past that provide no real community value and hurt animals or the environment in the process, this must stop. If they want to race, simply do it with humans who have a choice in the matter. The result would be exactly the same, people could bet, watch, be entertained, and you’ve also created jobs for the runners! All without forcing these beautiful animals, which the industry calls great companions but only when they cease to be economically useful. Before that these same people force these creatures, emotionally suitable for companionship, to compete for their lives and put them in danger for no good reason.

This is not how I think we should treat any animal who is capable and willing to be such a loving companion. Time for people to move with the times, get jobs that create real value for the community, not just take their money through gambling with nothing in exchange, and finally stop being so hypocritical and treat these animals with respect. And finally, if you don’t want to change your business model, create jobs and hire humans to run, it’s the exact same thing! Only you will have to treat them decently. I hope the panel can see why it is only best for the greyhound “industry” and no one else that their occupation continues