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**INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND WELFARE AND
INTEGRITY COMMISSION**

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The Greyhound Racing Industry has never been and will never be a safe environment for greyhounds. Between 1st January and 30th September, 173 greyhounds have died in track-related incidents and 8,159 have suffered injuries. GRNSW has still not established any whole of life tracking program for NSW greyhounds, and there are no capped limits on breeding.

The ongoing racing and trialling of greyhounds all over Australia and across NSW continues to result in totally unacceptable levels of injuries and fatalities, either on track or subsequently because of the severity or nature of the injury, or that they are not performing and are no longer considered 'viable'.

Following the damning findings and report by the Special Commission of Inquiry into the NSW Greyhound Racing Industry, and the Greyhound Industry Reform Panel, GWIC was established as part of the NSW State Government's reforms and included the introduction of the Greyhound Racing Act 2017. To minimise the inherent conflict of interest relating to welfare and integrity matters under the industry's commercial entity, Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW), the establishment of GWIC included the important separation of the commercial and regulatory functions, including the welfare of greyhounds.

To protect and improve the welfare of greyhounds in the greyhound racing industry, and the integrity of the industry, it is vital that GWIC continues with an enhanced level of independence, powers and resources and is supported by a new Government secured funding model. A return to the previous welfare and integrity arrangements and responsibilities under GRNSW rather than GWIC would result in a substantial reduction in greyhound welfare, and would be detrimental to the integrity of the industry.

This is outright abuse and criminal, these poor dogs are man's best friend, and this is Australia not a third world country, this is totally sickening and immoral, this has to be illegal and stopped immediately. dog racing is a disgrace. so much unnecessary suffering. Greyhounds are loyal and gentle companions – not commercial commodities to be exploited for racing, breeding, and gambling profits, to be disposed of or killed as "wastage" when they are too slow or injured or fail an adoption assessment.