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Dear Madam Secretary

(a) practices in the Tasmanian greyhound racing industry, including whether live baiting, 'wastage' and 'draining' of greyhounds is occurring, and if so, to what extent;

The use of live and dead animals as lures (including tanned animal skins) must not be allowed.

Strategies must be introduced to address the important issues of overbreeding, high wastage, high euthanasia rates, the administration of illicit and banned substances, and injuries suffered during training and racing.

All greyhounds born into the industry deserve lifelong care and protection. Rehoming programs need to be adequately funded so every greyhound born is rehomed.

(b) the role of regulatory authorities in upholding animal welfare standards in the industry and encouraging best practice;

As there is no way to protect the welfare of Australian racing greyhounds once they leave the country laws must be changed to prevent greyhounds from being exported for racing purposes.

Greyhounds are very social animals. Socialisation for greyhounds, particularly between 3-17 weeks of age, needs to be mandatory.

Industry statistics and outcomes for each greyhound need to be published publically to ensure true transparency about injury rates and the number of animals being bred for this industry.

Any training tracks must be registered and inspected by Racing Services Tasmania, and any private training/trialling tracks should not be allowed.

The current structure where integrity and commercial functions are separate must be maintained to avoid a conflict of interest.

Yours sincerely,
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