

Please find dot point reasons why I am opposed to the Greyhound Racing Industry and why I think greyhound racing should be banned.

Due to time constraints I have been unable to prepare a lengthy submission, but I do hope that you will take into account many of the issues I raised in a submission I made to the NSW Parliament in 2013 although I do appreciate that the Terms of Reference are not the same. A link is available below

[http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Prod/Parlment/committee.nsf/0/af7e7c9b2c74a23bca257c320017ec45/\\$FILE/0531%20Lawyers%20for%20Companion%20Animals.pdf](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Prod/Parlment/committee.nsf/0/af7e7c9b2c74a23bca257c320017ec45/$FILE/0531%20Lawyers%20for%20Companion%20Animals.pdf)

My main concerns that I am hoping will be considered by this inquiry (notwithstanding my preferred position is that greyhound racing be banned) are:

- "wastage" / over-breeding;
- cruel training methods (including live baiting);
- the high rate of injuries / deaths sustained at the track;
- the failure of self-regulation in detecting / preventing serious animal welfare issues within the industry;
- lack of transparency (including the lack access to industry figures around the number of greyhounds being killed each year for gambling);
- State Government funding, including breeding incentives, appearance fees, and;

**My position is that greyhound racing should be banned, however while greyhound racing is permitted to continue, the following should occur:**

- An end to industry self-regulation and therefore the establishment of a permanent Government 'Task Force' (in each State) that has regulatory oversight of greyhound racing.
- The introduction of statutory requirements to reduce breeding and to introduce effective programs to find homes for all healthy retired racing dogs. Programs which offer financial incentives to breed more dogs should be abolished.
- State governments to cease their funding of the greyhound industry.

- All lures used in greyhound training/racing to only be artificial material and without sound.
- All training/breaking-in premises to be licenced and have CCTV installed. As part of that licence — routine/random inspections of facilities can occur at any time without notice.
- State racing authorities to use their discretionary powers to immediately suspend any trainers and owners found to be live-baiting.
- The installation of straight tracks and the reduction of the number of dogs in each race to reduce the number of deaths and injuries to dogs.
- The Federal government to enact export laws to prohibit the export of greyhounds for racing.

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