

Submission – Racing Integrity Bill 2015

In regards to the proposed legislation, I wish to voice my concern that the impact of the proposed legislation will achieve little to improve the current over breeding, mis-treatment and the unacceptably high death rate of greyhounds within the industry; as well as the continued illegal, immoral and unethical behaviour of individuals within this industry as reported by the industry's own Stewards (reports available online) . The reasons for my concerns arise from the continuation of the live baiting of animals (since the airing of the Four Corners expose), the continued drugging of the dogs and the continued mis-treatment of the dogs. It is unwise to surmise that the number of people caught to date, are the only ones participating in these activities.

On these issues alone and the weak charges currently imposed against perpetrators by the industry, it is clear that greater powers of investigation need to be given to those authorised officers and that in addition to Chapter 5, Part 1, Division 1, those authorised officers should have no personal ties, involvement or financial interest with the racing of greyhounds.

As a member of the general public, I personally hold little hope of this industry ever being 'clean' due to it's inherent culture, and the only socially moral and ethical outcome would be the total ban of this industry.

Sources

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-05-19/kittens-used-as-live-bait-in-greyhound-racing/6481250>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-01-21/greyhound-live-baiting-scandal-no-deterrent-for-gen-y-gamblers/7103564>

<http://www.racingqueensland.com.au/Greyhound/Industry-Licensing/Integrity/Stewards-Reports/2015/December/Stewards-Report-Warren-Nicholls-Alan-Dargusch>

<http://www.racingqueensland.com.au/Greyhound/Industry-Licensing/Integrity/Stewards-Reports/2015/November/Stewards-Report-Maurice-McArdle>

KSchuett

Karin Schuett

██████████

Tennyson 4105

[REDACTED]