

To whom it may concern

This Bill must not be allowed to pass.

It is discriminatory to greyhounds and the greyhound industry and also to participants casually involved in breeding, owning, racing and showing greyhounds

Also why is this Bill being targeted to greyhounds only?

Countries who have poor welfare standards should not be allowed to export ANY type of dog from Australia if there is a concern for the welfare and care of the animal.

This Bill is obviously fuelled by the Anti -Racing groups who are looking to ban racing of greyhounds in Australia by blocking avenues to send retired racers to overseas countries to live their life out as pets.

The Anti racing groups maintain that Australia exports to countries who have poor welfare standards.

Currently, Australian greyhound authorities are successfully exporting retired greyhounds to the USA to caring homes to people who are carefully vetted for their welfare standards.

The USA, England, Ireland, New Zealand, Canada and other like-minded countries in Europe have very high welfare standards in regards to all pets including greyhounds and there has never been a recorded issue in exporting greyhounds or any other pet to these countries

They also state that there is a lack of suitable rehoming programs in the destination countries. This is again incorrect as the main countries we deal with ie: America, the UK and Europe all have sound adoption programs

They suggest the dogs suffer from stress, injuries and death due to the long distances they travel. Thousands of pet animals including greyhounds travel by air without any problems and have done so for many year

They state that the greyhound industry's 'Pet Passport' is not enforced by government legislation, which is true .. but they also state that penalties for breaching our industry rules are minimal, which isn't true.

They also state that the initial countries form a 'first stop' for dogs which are really intended for prohibited countries as breeding stock. This also doesn't stack up as a condition of export for dogs intended for overseas adoption is that they are neutered beforehand, which obviously makes them worthless for breeding

As you can see if the appropriate research is done that these Groups are basing thir arguments on innacurate facts and mis0-statements all intnded to mislead the decision makers in banning such exports.

Great advances in safety, welfare and care of greyhounds have been made in the last 9 years and Australia are world leaders in welfare standards for greyhounds and we as a sport are very conscious of where our greyhounds are being sent.

What the Anti-Racing groups will have you believe is that the unsavoury practices that are now on the past are still prevalent, where nothing could be further form the truth.

I implore you to block the passing of this Bill as a great injustice will be done to appease these minority groups who are intent on destroying not only a great industry and past time with a rich history but will ultimately lead to the demise of the greyhound breed in this country and possibly in other

parts of the world if the export of our dogs is disallowed.

Best Regards

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