



## **SENATE RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

Over the course of the *Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021* inquiry, the committee received approximately 12 submissions as part of a form letter campaign.

The committee agreed that a typical example of the form letter, available below, would be published as example. The remaining letters were accepted as correspondence.

The committee thanks participants for their contribution to the inquiry.

## **Subject: Urgent Submission to Ban the Export of Greyhounds Overseas**

### **To Whom It May Concern**

I write this urgent submission to express my grave concern and to advocate for an immediate ban on the export of greyhounds overseas.

As an animal lover and responsible global citizen, I believe it is our moral duty to protect these sentient beings from exploitation and suffering.

The racing industry subjects greyhounds to much cruelty, through training them to be raced, such that their ability to run is exploited for the profit and entertainment of a relatively small group of the population.

The export of greyhounds to countries with less stringent animal welfare regulations exacerbates this problem, leading to even worse conditions and inadequate protection of the dogs.

The issue is urgent because of:

1. **Inhumane treatment:** Reports and investigations have exposed horrifying conditions that greyhounds suffer in some countries, in cramped, unsanitary kennels, where they may be neglected and deprived of proper care.
2. **Overpopulation:** The export of greyhounds fuels overbreeding to meet the demands of foreign markets resulting in more unwanted and abandoned greyhounds.
3. **Health and safety risks:** There are health risks in the transportation of greyhounds overseas with exposure to and potential spread of diseases across borders due to inadequate quarantine as well as stress-related issues for the greyhounds.
4. **Ethical implications:** The export of greyhounds perpetuates the exploitation of animals for entertainment and financial gain, and undermines the principles of compassion and empathy that our society should uphold.

Thus, I respectfully urge the government to take immediate action to ban the export of greyhounds overseas.

Greyhounds should be treated with the respect, care and concern of other pets in Australia, the racing industry should be strictly regulated, and adoption programs should be supported.

I hope that positive action will soon occur to end the suffering of greyhounds.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,