

Attention to the Committee

I believe that a bill to ban greyhound export has been referred to a Senate Inquiry. With this in mind, I would like to strongly urge parliamentarians to support the Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition Bill 2021 to protect greyhounds from suffering.

I personally support this legislation because our greyhounds need protecting from the horrific cruelty they are subjected to in overseas countries. The supply chains have failed. It is time to end the export of all greyhounds for any racing, breeding and commercial purposes.

Failure of the supply chain is occurring because there are loopholes in the legislation which has allowed greyhounds to be exported to countries of concern such as Vietnam and China where animal welfare standards are almost non-existent. The way these gentle greyhounds are kept, raced and disposed of is absolute cruelty. I have viewed distressing videos of grey hounds screaming in pain as they are agitated before being stabbed or burnt alive.

We cannot allow any Australian greyhound to suffer in such ways in overseas countries.

Your sincerely,

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