

Dear

I am writing to invite you to join my family's and friends' fight to save greyhounds and greyhound racing after the NSW Government's decision to ban our sport.

I want to let you know that:

- **Greyhound racing in NSW is changing and can change** – animal welfare is improving and can and must improve further, and
- **Banning our sport would massively damage local NSW communities:** families, businesses and community organisations, especially in regional and outer metropolitan areas.

Our industry absolutely needed to change and needs to change further, to ensure animal welfare and grow all that is great about our sport. My family, friends and I accept and need to change, to strengthen our sport, to toss out wrong-doers and reward the many tens of thousands of owners, breeders and trainers who love their dogs and do the right thing.

**The greyhound racing industry is changing.** Our sport didn't wait for the McHugh Inquiry to start much needed reforms and improvements to greyhound racing in NSW.

**Before 2015** there were no restrictions on breeding. **Now** breeders must be licensed and breeding restrictions implemented so far have already delivered more than a 50% fall in the number of greyhounds born. We know there is more to be done.

**Before 2015** vets were not involved in managing our industry and its activities. **Now** vets are central to our sport's oversight.

**Before 2015** the industry wasn't properly policed. **Now** we are: evidence is sought and collected to ensure allegations of wrongdoing are properly investigated. In 2015/16, 268 investigations of varying nature were undertaken by GNRSW.

We want to keep making improvements.

The NSW Government hasn't thought through its ban, rather, it's ignored the start we've made and change we are capable of, and at a huge cost, especially to regional communities.

A ban would unfairly strike down local communities' sport and social life, deny venues for local clubs and community activities, and cut economic activity that sustains thousands of small and medium sized business, the engine room of jobs in our economy.

And a ban would kill many thousands of dogs.

My family and our mates will fight to save greyhounds and our sport, for further reforms to improve our sport, and to keep and grow greyhound racing's great contribution to family and local community life across NSW.

Please remember:

- **The greyhound racing industry in NSW is changing and can change.**
- **The cost to our local communities of a ban would be so damaging to us all.**

Thank you for your consideration and support,