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Dear Ms Pollard

Coalition of Protection of Greyhounds 2023 State Election Survey

I refer to your request for my position on the greyhound industry as part of your 2023 State Election survey.

I thank you for the work your organisation does to expose the greyhound racing industry's cruelty and to protect greyhounds from death row. I have previously worked with the Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds on action in Parliament and I am committed to continuing this productive working relationship. My responses to your survey are outlined below.

Greyhound Racing

I strongly oppose greyhound racing and support an immediate ban on the industry. The findings of the Special Commission of Inquiry were clear that cruelty is inherent in the business model and can never be stamped out with regulatory tweaks. I voted in support of the bill to ban greyhound racing in 2016 and voted against the bill to overturn the ban in 2017 and will continue to oppose this cruel and archaic industry.

Public Funding and Taxpayer Subsidies

It is a disgrace that public money is propping up an industry that does nothing but promote shocking animal cruelty and gambling harm. There is no public benefit to justify government investment and I will again call on whoever is in government to stop pouring taxpayer dollars into greyhound racing.

Breeding Limits

The Special Commission of Inquiry calculated that between 48,891 and 68,448 greyhounds bred for racing over 12 years were killed because they would not run fast enough to make a profit. The industry refers to these pups as 'wastage' and government commitments to prevent the practice have been futile. I support a limit on the number of dogs the industry is permitted to breed.

Public Funding for Greyhound Charities

While government funding supports uncontrollable greyhound racing in the industry, charities and volunteers are left to pick up the pieces and simply don't have the resources to deal with the number of dogs being dumped from the industry. I worked



with the Animal Justice Party to call for \$350,000 for Greyhound Rescue to build a rehabilitation and rehoming centre and welcome the recent government commitment. I am committed to ensuring sustainable government funding for the protection of greyhounds.

I hope to work with you to end greyhound racing cruelty.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AG', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alex Greenwich
Member for Sydney