

RSPCA South Australia calls for immediate Greyhound Industry Inquiry

The following can be attributed to RSPCA South Australia CEO, Tim Vasudeva;

“NSW Premier Mike Baird today announced that the NSW Government will shut down the greyhound racing industry in NSW on 1 July 2017, following publication of a report into the industry from the NSW Special Commission of Inquiry.

“Premier Baird is quoted as saying ‘In response to widespread illegal and unconscionable activity, including the slaughtering of tens of thousands of dogs, I can today announce that NSW is putting an end to greyhound racing.’

“The Commission’s report found that of the nearly 100,000 greyhound bred in the last 12 years in NSW, between 50 and 70 per cent were killed because they were deemed uncompetitive as racing dogs.

“Since February last year RSPCA South Australia has called for Greyhound Racing SA to publish statistics relating to the number of greyhounds bred, raced, and killed in South Australia, however GRSA has refused to provide this information.

“The Government and the people of NSW have been able to make an informed decision about the future of greyhound racing in that State solely because the NSW Government set up a Special Commission of Inquiry which ensured that accurate industry information was revealed.

“In the absence of cooperation from GRSA in relation to transparency around the number of dog deaths which occur at the hands of industry participants in South Australia, RSPCA SA is calling on Racing Minister Leon Bignell and the State Government to immediately establish a Commission of Inquiry into the industry in SA.

“RSPCA South Australia believes the lack of transparency from GRSA cannot be accepted given the exposure of systematic animal cruelty and mass greyhound killings which have prompted the decision to shut down the NSW greyhound industry.”

See attached fact sheet for key findings from the NSW Inquiry into their Greyhound Industry.