

Submission: Inquiry into Online Gambling and its Impacts on Problem Gamblers

Gambling advertisements should be banned between 5:00am and 8:30pm without any exemption, for the protection of our children!

It's immoral how gambling companies are so integrated into Rugby League games on TV when you have children watching their favourite teams. I gather it would be the same for other popular sports. Children will be growing up thinking gambling and their favourite sports go together. Recently kids were asked to draw pictures of their football team playing. Many drew scoreboards showing the **odds** on the game!

On the ACMA website it states "During other programs principally directed to children, gambling ads are not permitted between 5:00am and 8:30pm." However sports programs are exempt. Why?? These programs are for family viewing and should not be blitzed with ads that educate our next generation in the art of gambling.

The big sporting clubs speak so highly about their junior teams and that's where their future players will come from. Yet they are prepared to condone the corruption of young, minds for profit!

ACMA has to be given the power to combat vested interests. Some of the current rules read like weasel words which, according to the Oxford Dictionary, "you use when you want to avoid saying something in a clear or direct way".

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