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Hi

I read with interest that the Senate Inquiry has requested the NRL to appear when the hearings move to Sydney.

As an avid follower of the sport for many years, I have become dismayed over the past few years at the amount of gambling directly connected with the sport. It started a few years ago with the commentator talking odds and now it's absolutely everywhere.

Gambling is as big as, if not more than, a problem than drinking, yet it's fine for teams of young, impressionable boys to be saturated with it and then there's surprise when they get addicted. Some teams are even sponsored by Casino's - so where will their events be held but in a place where it's all freely available.

Personally I believe gambling advertising and sponsorship in sport should be banned, just as tobacco advertising was a number of years ago.

There will always people who end up in trouble with gambling, but why make it so easy?

I truly hope the Inquiry results in some restrictions on this process.

Kind regards
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