

Dear Sir

I strongly condemn the current proliferation of advertising and gambling in televised sport. I am alarmed that my children and their friends cannot enjoy the NRL, Super Rugby or other events without exposure to constant advertising and 'gambling education'. Prior to this season, these kids have generally be blissfully unaware of gambling in sport, odds and the opportunity for online betting. Not so now.

Every game now I feel it necessary to advise the kids in my living room watching sport on the pitfalls of gambling and the suffering it brings.

Televised sporting events are not the place for the promotion of gambling. Good decisions have previously been made to ban or limits alcohol and smoking advertising. I demand that similar action is taken for sport.

Act now in the interest of Australian children to protect them from this dreadful scourge on sport.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Bruce Blunden