

Im a casual secondary teacher and met with Kate Cheney a few months ago to discuss my concerns re online sports betting and in particular the way the advertisements target young males in particular . In her speech in parliament Kate told some of my story referring to me as Rod and my son as Ollie because he didn't wanted people to know he'd lost \$25000 in 11 months to 5 different companies.

The specific issue i want this committee to investigate is the AFLs role in this industry and in particular the sports betting ads on the AFL App targeting and effectively grooming young kids. Like many football loving kids i have the App on my phone and unlike most have gone into Settings and unticked a box confirming that I'm over 18 so that I'll supposedly only get appropriate promotions on the site. I am however still being bombarded with Sportsbet ads despite me stating that I'm under 18 years old!

Ive phoned Wagering Australia to complain who referred me to ring Sportsbet which i did who then referred me to the AFL which i did.

Over the past couple of months Ive rung and emailed the AFL many times about this issue with no resolution so hopefully this committee can have more success.

The bottom line is that this App is a grooming platform for boys aged 12 to 17 who then become real customers to these parasites when the turn 18.

Please feel free to call me if you'd like to discuss this further.

Regards

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Sent from my iPad