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OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

The Secretary
Senate Environment, Communications,
Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2006

Dear Secretary

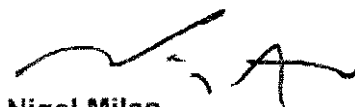
Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 (Cth)*.

SBS wishes to express its support for the comments made by Free TV Australia in its Submission to the inquiry dated 2 February 2004 in relation to closing the loophole in the current legislation allowing subscription channels to acquire rights to listed events before they are offered to free-to-air broadcasters. SBS believes that addressing this issue in the manner suggested is an appropriate way to give effect to the public policy objectives of the anti-siphoning provisions of the *Broadcasting Services Act*, ensuring Australian audiences have free access to events of national importance.

SBS requests that the Committee consider recommending the introduction of an appropriate amendment to close the loophole.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Milan', written in a cursive style.

Nigel Milan
Managing Director