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Dear Committee

My name is George Gear a former member of the House of Representatives for 13 years and having served on many committees I hope you might consider my brief submission even though it may be late.

I agree with the anti syhoning laws that enable free to air TV to carry programs of interest to people who do not subscribe to pay TV.

We have a West Australian problem when it comes to live broadcasts of sporting events particularly from football and cricket played in Australia.

Invariably the free to air channel will delay the broadcast and show it some time after the game has concuded.

I think there should be the right of pay TV to be able to show these games live if the free to air TV channel makes the choice to delay the broadcast.

In saying this we are not impinging on the right of the free to air station to show the game live however if it chooses not to we shouldn't stop pay TV from showing the game.

Good luck with your inquiry

George Gear