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**Media Statement
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BAN ON PROMOTION OF LIVE ODDS DURING PLAY AND BY COMMENTATORS

Public Consultation Period Closed

The public consultation period for the proposed amendment to the Commercial Television Industry Code of Practice (the Code) to reduce and control the promotion of live odds in live sporting broadcasts is now closed.

Under the Code, the promotion of live odds during play will be banned. Commentators and their guests will also be prohibited from promoting live odds during a game, as well as for 30 minutes before and after the game.

Free TV broadcasters appreciate the community concern around this issue and have taken a responsible and consultative approach.

The proposed amendment to the Commercial Television Industry Code of Practice has been developed in close consultation with the Government and in line with the Communique of the Council of Australian Governments Select Council on Gambling Reform, May 2011, and the principles developed by the Federal Government.

Free TV received 230 submissions from individuals and interested parties.

In line with usual practice, the proposed Code and copies of the submissions will now be sent to the Australian Media and Communications Authority for review and consideration as part of the registration process.

Free TV expects the Code will be registered in the coming weeks and will take effect immediately.

[Click here](#) for an overview of the proposed amendments.

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