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Dear David

Thank you for your quick reply of 25 June 2007. It is much appreciated.

In reference to the salary cap, because it is so complex in nature, and because we get so many calls and emails concerning the rules and regulations of the cap. Would you be able to explain in some detail the salary cap itself, what exemptions there are for clubs if any, the 8 year exemption for long serving players and third party payments made to players and payments to players outside the cap if any? At this time of year with all the movements we get inundated with calls and emails from supporters who would like to know where their club stands as far as salary cap issues go. If we had the proper information we could save a lot of anxiety with supporters.

Another area of concern among supporters is the proposed under 20 competitions. I would like to ask a few questions if I may to clear up some issues.

1. What is the overall structure of the proposed under 20 competition and which teams are expected to compete?
2. How are the other competitions expected to be affected? Namely such competitions as the QLD cup, Harold Matthews, S.G.Ball, Jersey Flegg, Premier League and Jim Beam cup?
3. Are teams such as Balmain, Newtown, North Sydney, Western Suburbs and St George to continue to field teams in their existing junior competitions?
4. If North Sydney are to be excluded from the under 20 competition what provision is there for North Sydney players too old for the under 18's and too young for the open age? There is great concern over how the clubs can maintain their junior district with the "Representative gap".
5. Are you able to comment on the main criticism of the proposed competition that the open age Reserve Grade (Premier League) will effectively be demoted or worse be closed down. Is it appropriate for players who are older than 20 but not ready or able to play NRL to effectively go back to a lower level of park football, i.e. Jim Beam cup?

I would greatly appreciate the time taken to reply to these Questions and if you wish, feel free to offer any other information you think appropriate.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you need any further clarification.

Yours Sincerely

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