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Dear David

Thank you for the reply to our letter dated 15/05/08. It has been a tough few weeks for you and the game in general, with the two Canberra players in trouble and the Sonny Bill Williams saga. Again, the publicity is not good for the game.

A few concerns have arisen from our last general meeting that hopefully you can answer for us.

1. News Limited. Apart from having an interest in the Pay TV rights and owning half of the NRL, could you tell us what clubs do they now have a monetary interest in, and what is their long term interest in the game.
2. Can you give us an indication of the NRL's 3-5 year plan for the future, including any expansion proposals?
3. Again we bring up the player exodus overseas. Do you think that our Salary Cap Concession plan that we outlined in a letter dated 14/06/07 has any merit? I know Craig Bellamy touched on the same subject in the media a couple of weeks ago and I believe his plan and ours had very similar content.
4. Is there a proposal for the game of rugby league as a whole to be united under the one governing body instead of the numerous entities that we have now? A preferred model would be similar to the NRMA, whereby board members are independently appointed by members of the Association.
5. Will the NRL be adopting a similar draw as the AFL, whereby supporters know exactly where, the date and time that their team is playing for the full year, not the 5 weeks notice that we have now. As many supporters are working class families they need the extra time to save the money and book as far ahead as possible to get the best deals for airline tickets and accommodation.

We still believe that supporter groups such as ours can have a great input into the game, the same as CEO's, Coaches and Players representatives, as most of our members have been around the game for many years.

We would as a Supporters and Volunteers Assoc expect to be included in any future forums involving changes to the future direction of our game.

Please don't forget the supporters and volunteers are a big part of this great game.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Warren

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