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Dear Mr Crawley

I am writing this letter to you in response to the hundreds of e-mails and phone calls the Rugby League Supporters and Voluntary Workers Association have received, complaining about the lack of live coverage of the Rugby League World Cup.

Whatever happened to sticking to a contract? Something reporters and presenters that work for your organisation seem to have great joy in bringing down sporting people and sporting clubs that may have broken a contract. Double standards wouldn't you say?

Supporters of Rugby League are tired of Channel 9's attitude towards them, and the game as a whole. Your organisation treats them with contempt.

It is a disgrace that you had the opportunity to sell this great game to the world, yet the opening ceremony and Australia v NZ game, was not shown live to the host nation, in particular to NSW & QLD, where the majority of Rugby League supporters live. For a media outlet that prides itself on being known as the No. 1 Rugby League station, it is laughable.

The thousands of young children who are supporters, and hopefully the next generation of players of this great game, were denied the opportunity to watch their own country play due to your delayed, and late telecast.

Leading up to 2012, the year for the next TV rights renewal, our association will be

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campaigning to the NRL to consider offering the rights to a rival media outlet who will support the game, and its supporters. We believe Channel 9 has failed the game, and its supporters.

Show the supporters and players of our great game the respect they deserve.

Sincerely,

Peter Warren
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