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Dear Mr Love

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of the RLSAVWA, in response to the hundreds of emails and phone calls, many of them quite irate, complaining about the lack of live coverage that was promised by Channel 9 leading up to the World Cup.

When you found out that Channel 9 wasn't going to televise the games live, why did you not enforce the agreement that they had entered into. Instead supporters were subjected to a delayed coverage of not only the Opening Ceremony but the Host Nations first game. You had the opportunity to show the Rugby League World that Australia could put on the best World Cup, but in states where Rugby League is prevalent we can't see a live game.

As with Channel 9, your lack of enforcement has shown the supporters of the game that it is acceptable to treat them with contempt. In the second week of competition, again no live coverage of Australia's game, instead we were subjected to a delayed coverage with no less than 58 commercials. Do you think this is good for the game?

Your decision to allow Channel 9 to show major matches delayed on a Sunday night, while good for 9's ratings has alienated thousands of children and working families

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who are the future of our game, because of the lateness of the game and the next day being a school/working day.

In all the sporting radio talkback shows this week, we have not heard of one person who has supported these arrangements.

The Radio coverage has also suffered a similar fate and appears nearly non-existent. We have been informed that 2UE put in a bid to cover EVERY game of the World Cup live, but instead the rights were relinquished to the current NRL broadcaster 2GB. How many live games is 2GB broadcasting? Supporters that live in Country New South Wales and South East Queensland who don't have the opportunity to attend a game, and who don't have or can't afford pay TV, again, by your inaction, are left with no coverage.

The supporters of rugby league have begun to lose confidence in your administration and many have called for your resignation. At any rate people want a CEO of the ARL who has the best interests of the supporters and the game to lead us into the future. The latest arrangements for the coverage of the World Cup, I am sorry to report, do not fulfil their expectations.

Sincerely,

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