



**Australian Government**

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**Department of Broadband,  
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## Future anti-siphoning list

On 25 November 2010, the Government announced a range of reforms to the anti-siphoning scheme that will ensure that access to events of national importance and cultural significance continues to be available to all Australians via free-to-air television (see the [Sport on television—review of the anti-siphoning scheme](#) page).

The reforms include changes to the anti-siphoning list that will take effect from 1 January 2011. Prior to the passage of legislative amendments the Government will introduce in early 2011, the current regulatory regime will apply to the acquisition and broadcast of these events. The division of the list below into Tier A and Tier B reflects the intended future framework once legislation is amended, but under the current regulatory regime there is no difference in the way the scheme applies to Tier A and Tier B.

**Future anti-siphoning list for the rights to events acquired between  
1 January 2011 and 31 December 2015**

**Tier A—Broadcast on main channel**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Events</b>
Horse Racing	Melbourne Cup
AFL (Australian Football League)	AFL Grand Final
NRL (National Rugby League)	NRL Grand Final
Rugby Union	Rugby Union World Cup Final
Cricket	Each Test match involving Australia, played in Australia Each Test match involving Australia and England played in the United Kingdom
Cricket	Each one-day international match involving Australia, played in Australia
Cricket	Each Twenty20 match involving Australia, played in Australia
Cricket	ICC Cricket World Cup: semi-finals, final and each match involving Australia
Cricket	ICC Twenty20 World Cup: final and each match involving Australia
Football	FIFA World Cup: quarter-finals, semi-finals, final and each match involving Australia
Tennis	Australian Open men's singles final Australian Open women's singles final
Tennis	A 'World group' Davis Cup final tie involving Australia
Motor Sports	Each race of the F1 Grand Prix held in Australia
Motor Sports	Each race of the Moto GP held in Australia
Motor Sports	V8 Supercars—Bathurst 1000

## Tier B—Any channel<sup>1</sup>

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>Events</b>
Olympic Games	The Summer Olympics event and the Winter Olympics event
Commonwealth Games	The Commonwealth Games event
AFL	4 matches per round of the AFL premiership season <sup>*</sup>
AFL	Each match of the AFL finals series (except the grand final)
NRL	3 matches per round of the NRL premiership season <sup>*</sup>
NRL	Each match of the NRL finals series (except the grand final)
Rugby League	Each match of the State of Origin series
Rugby League	Each Test match involving the Australian team, played in Australia, New Zealand or the United Kingdom (including the Rugby League World Cup)
Rugby Union	Rugby Union World Cup: quarter-finals, semi-finals and each match involving Australia
Rugby Union	Each Test match involving Australia, played in Australia, NZ, SA or as part of the 'spring tour'
Tennis	Each match of the Australian Open (except for the men's singles final and women's singles final)
Tennis	Wimbledon: Each men's and women's singles quarter-final, semi-final and final
Tennis	US Open: Each men's and women's singles quarter-final, semi-final and final
Tennis	Each 'World group' tie involving Australia played as part of the Davis Cup (excluding a final involving Australia)
Golf	Each round of the Australian Open
Golf	Each round of the Australian Masters
Golf	Each round of the United States Masters
Netball	Each Test match involving the senior Australian team, played in Australia or New Zealand Netball World Championships: Semi-finals and Finals matches involving the senior Australian team
Football	All matches of the FIFA World Cup (excluding those on Tier A) <sup>^</sup>
Football	FIFA World Cup qualifiers: each match involving Australia (the Socceroos) <sup>^</sup>
Football	English Football Association Cup Final
Motorsports	V8 Supercars Championship Series: each race not specified on Tier A

<sup>1</sup> Prior to the passage of the legislative amendments to implement the Government's reforms, these events must be premiered on the main channel, or premiered simultaneously on the main channel and a related multi-channel.

<sup>\*</sup> The Government will not de-list any NRL or AFL games until a mechanism which protects the quality of free-to-air games has been settled.

<sup>^</sup> These events are subject to final negotiation with rights holders and broadcasters over the detail of the listing, and obligations attached to that listing.

## Adjustments from current list

### Events removed

SPORT	Events removed
AFL	4 of 8 matches per premiership round (these 4 matches are currently shown exclusively on Pay TV)*
NRL	5 of 8 matches per premiership round (these 5 matches are currently shown exclusively on Pay TV)*
Golf	British Open
Cricket	One day international matches involving Australia, played in the UK
Cricket	ICC 50 Over World Cup: All matches not involving Australia before the semi-finals
Rugby League	Test match involving the Australian team, played in countries other than Australia, New Zealand or the United Kingdom
Rugby Union	Rugby Union World Cup: All matches not involving Australia played before the quarter-finals
Rugby Union	Test matches involving Australia outside Australia, New Zealand, South Africa unless designated in a 'spring tour'
Tennis—Wimbledon	All matches other than the men's and women's singles quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals matches.
Tennis—French Open	Men's and women's quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals matches
Tennis Davis Cup	Non 'world group' Davis Cup ties involving Australia
Netball	All matches played by the Australian team outside Australia, NZ & the Netball World Championships (other than a semi final or final involving the Australian team)
Motor sports	Each IndyCar race held in Australia

### Events added

SPORT	Events added
Cricket	Twenty20 matches involving Australia, played in Australia
Cricket	Twenty20 World Cup: matches involving Australia and Final
Football	FIFA World Cup qualifiers involving the senior Australian team (the Socceroos)

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