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Free TV rejects Foxtel statement

“The situation with the AFL rights negotiations has nothing to do with anti-siphoning and everything to do with the fact that Foxtel wants there to be less sport on free-to-air television and to force viewers to pay to see games they currently get for free,” Free TV CEO Julie Flynn said today.

“The anti-siphoning regime was already in place in 2002 when Foxtel set up its AFL channel and has been operational throughout,” she said.

“More than 75 per cent of Australians cannot afford or choose not to subscribe to pay TV. If the AFL was to be taken off the list it would simply result in pay TV acquiring exclusive rights to this important event and the only way to see it would be to spend hundreds of dollars a year.

“The majority of Australian viewers would not be served by this result.”

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