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ASTRA consultation on provisions to restrict gambling advertising during live sports coverage

The Australian Subscription Television and Radio Association (ASTRA) today announced the commencement of the consultation period on the new draft provisions of the Subscription Television Broadcasting and Narrowcasting Codes of Practice relating to gambling advertising during live sports coverage.

The new provisions further restrict gambling advertising during live sports, following the Government's policy decision announced in May 2017.

ASTRA Chair Peter Tonagh said "ASTRA is committed to working with Government to ensure the new Code restrictions meet the Government's policy intent and provide appropriate community safeguards."

"The new restrictions will provide additional protections at times when children are likely to be watching. Existing restrictions will continue to apply at all other times" said Mr Tonagh.

The draft gambling provisions of the Code are open for public comment until 22 December 2017. They must be approved by the Australian Communications and Media Authority before they come into effect in March 2018.

Comments from the public can be submitted to ASTRA either by post to 5 Thomas Holt Drive, North Ryde, NSW, 2113, or email to admin@astra.org.au.

Full details of the consultation process including the draft provisions can be accessed [here](#).

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