

Broadcasting (Games of National Significance) Amendment Bill

Member's Bill

Explanatory note

General policy statement

The purpose of the Bill is to define in law games and sporting events that are to be broadcast live on free-to-air television. This Bill recognises that to support New Zealand teams and other taxpayer-supported events will involve costs of around \$1,000 per household. The objective of this Bill is to break this barrier down so that taxpayers can support New Zealand teams in key events and enjoy events that have come about due to taxpayer support.

Clause by clause analysis

Clause 1 is the Title clause.

Clause 2 is the commencement clause. It provides for the Bill to come into force 3 years after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

Clause 3 provides that this Bill amends the Broadcasting Act 1989 (the **principal Act**).

Clause 4 amends *section 36* relating to functions of the Broadcasting Commission.

Clause 5 amends *section 37* relating to the promotion of New Zealand content.

Clause 6 inserts *new Schedule 1A*, which lists games of national significance that are to be broadcast live and free-to-air.

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Broadcasting (Games of National Significance) Amendment Act **2016**.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force 3 years after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

3 Principal Act

This Act amends the Broadcasting Act 1989 (the **principal Act**).

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4 Section 36 amended (Functions of Commission)

(1) After section 36(1)(a)(ii), insert:

(iii) promoting the live broadcast of New Zealand sport; and

(iv) promoting sporting games and events of national significance; and

(2) After section 36(1)(c)(v), insert:

(vi) people without access to subscription based sport; and

5 Section 37 amended (Promotion of New Zealand content in programming)

After section 37(d), insert “; and”, and:

(e) ensure that the games of national significance listed in **Schedule 1A** are broadcast live and free-to-air.

6 New Schedule 1A inserted

After Schedule 1, insert the **Schedule 1A** set out in the Schedule of this Act.

**Schedule
New Schedule 1A inserted**

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**Schedule 1A
Games of national significance to be broadcast live free-to-air**

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All Rugby World Cup matches involving New Zealand (adult men and women)
All domestic rugby test matches involving New Zealand
Super XV Competition Rugby Final (if a New Zealand team is involved)
ITM Competition Cup Final
All Netball World Cup matches involving New Zealand
All domestic netball test matches
ANZ Netball Championship (if a New Zealand team is involved)
All Cricket World Cup matches involving New Zealand (adult men and women)
All domestic one-day cricket international matches involving New Zealand (adult men and women)
All Rugby League World Cup matches involving New Zealand
All domestic Rugby League test matches involving New Zealand
National Rugby League Grand Final (if a New Zealand team is involved)
All Football World Cup matches involving the New Zealand All Whites
All domestic football international matches involving the New Zealand All Whites
All Women's Tennis Association and Association of Tennis Professionals tennis events held in New Zealand
Australian National Basketball League Grand Final (if a New Zealand team is involved)
The Summer Olympic Games
The Winter Olympic Games
The Commonwealth Games
The New Zealand Trotting Cup
Any other sporting event funded by the Major Events Development Fund or any high performance New Zealand sportsperson who has received government funding for development and is participating at an international level.