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STATEMENT FROM BEN ENGLISH, EDITOR, THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

"The Daily Telegraph has no commercial agreements that constrain our ability to report as we see fit, and no person or organisation has the power to vet editorial content. There is no conflict of interest in how we report on racing or NRL - our coverage is the most robust and informative and we embrace the contest of ideas that drive the debates in these sports.

"Further, The Daily Telegraph did report on the parliamentary inquiry hearing last July into the proposed Rosehill racecourse sale, including trainer Gai Waterhouse's concerns. Your claim that we did not do so is incorrect.

"The Daily Telegraph also believes the best way to deliver the sport coverage expected of us by our audience is to witness first hand major events and games and we have regularly disclosed that the NRL helped fund our team's travel expenses to Las Vegas.

"As editors, journalists and various commercial executives at a major news outlet, we also regularly attend major sporting and community events including racing and the NRL. It is an expected part of our roles and is accepted practice across the media and other industries.

"On behalf of our audience The Daily Telegraph has a longstanding enthusiasm for the events and sports that captivate the community and we will never apologise for getting behind activities that promote our state, generate local jobs, excitement and enjoyment.

Parliamentary inquiry into proposed Rosehill racecourse sale:

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/inquiry-begins-into-sale-of-rosehill-racecourse-to-provide-25000-new-homes/news-story/8f67aa71ea8ad6be0afd6ec824fe32c1>

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/fans-from-across-globe-watch-nrl-super-league-at-allegiant-stadium-in-las-vegas/news-story/0783a14e30306da4c2b07bec5d7efa08>

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/sport/nrl/we-have-taken-over-vegas-10000-fans-pack-nrl-2025-season-launch-event/news-story/e32febf10b47c7b94ffd904c4f33a26e>