

I am absolutely fed up with streaming services having access to popular sporting events as below

1) I want to watch English Premier League football I have to have Optus. Optus has 2 packages available. As an Optus customer I receive the sports coverage cheaper. Optus mobile 'phone coverage in my area is no good. Apart from that I get Foxtel cheaper as a Telstra customer but I have to have Internet coverage.

2) I want to watch the English FA Cup games. In order to do that I have to have Paramount Plus.

It appears that the Football Association has sold the game to the highest bidder without regard to the Australian public.

3) To watch the major rugby union games such as the World Cup and the Bledisloe Cup as well as all international games I have to have Stan.

4) I can watch AFL and NRL on Foxtel which I have which costs a minimum of around \$70 per month.

This whole streaming service is just costing too much and I feel I am being alienated from watching major sporting events. Many of my friends feel the same way. Apart from sport friends recommend watching certain TV shows. If I do not have the streaming service it is shown on I get left out of the conversation. The point I make is that there is a community aspect to what I can and cannot watch. There is peer pressure to purchase another streaming service to be able to participate and communicate with friends.

To have access to all the current streaming services is just too expensive, and the more streaming services that come on-line the cost gets even greater.

One aspect which annoyed me was the TV rights to the Women's World Cup coverage in Australia and New Zealand. The event was staged in Australia and New Zealand at our grounds. However we could only watch the games shown on Channel 7/7 Plus. Paramount had the rights which Channel 7 then purchased some games from Paramount. Paramount ends up with the profits from games which have been hosted and played in Australia and New Zealand. To me this is not right. We, the tax payers, no doubt had to finance these games.

Maybe the free-to-air channels do not have the money available to compete against the subscription channels. The subscription channels can pick the eyes out of the most popular events as seems to be happening. SBS used to have really good coverage of UK soccer and the World Cup.