



# The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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### **ANNESLEY URGES NRL FANS “BEWARE OF SCALPERS”**

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, has warned NRL fans contemplating buying Grand Final tickets on the internet or from a third party is fraught with danger as tickets go on sale for this Sunday’s clash between the Manly Sea Eagles and New Zealand Warriors.

“Fans looking to buy tickets to the Grand Final need to be aware the NRL has a policy of cancelling scalped tickets if they can be identified,” Mr Annesley said.

“Purchasing tickets in this way will see fans run the real risk of arriving at the Stadium on Sunday only to be turned away and left disappointed.

“In particular I would strongly advise fans against purchasing tickets from unauthorised on-sellers as there have been examples in the past of fans being duped and not receiving their goods.

“Unscrupulous on-sellers are ripping off fans by taking advantage of their passion to support their team with many scalpers having established businesses by providing a secondary market to on-sell intellectual property they are not entitled to.

“It’s a blight on the sport and the NSW Government is currently reviewing scalping legislation to address the unconscionable actions of profiteers and conmen who take advantage of the genuine desire of loyal fans who simply want to support their team in the most important game of the season,” Mr Annesley said.

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