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Dear Peter

Prevention & Management of Head Injuries in AFL with particular reference to the 'Sling Tackle'

Thank you for your letter of 13 December responding to the concerns we raised about the risks associated with 'sling tackles'.

We commend the AFL for consulting with the AFL Doctors Association regarding player safety and appreciate the changes made to the interpretation of 'dangerous tackle' in the AFL Laws.

We are thankful that the 'sling tackle' has been prohibited.

We anticipate abolition of the 'sling tackle', and expect severe penalties to be issued to delinquent players guilty of the offence of 'sling tackle'.

Yours sincerely



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