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### **GOOD FRIDAY IS OUT OF BOUNDS FOR FOOTY**

The Liberal Party does not support football matches on Good Friday.

The AFL has successfully structured an exciting opening round for the 2005 AFL season while recognising the significance of Good Friday to the Christian community.

Sports fixtures can be held on any day of the year except for Good Friday, Christmas Day and before 1pm on Anzac Day.

Good Friday is a day that should be reserved for those of Christian faith to reflect, pray and spend time with their family.

Many Victorians also choose to travel or go on holiday during the Easter period and if AFL football matches were played on Good Friday, this would have an effect on tourist towns outside Melbourne.

The Liberal Party supports the AFL's work to continue to develop and promote football but maintains a policy position that football on Good Friday is out of bounds.

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