

Dear Senate Committee

A friend of mine was complaining about this guy selling tickets on ebay and says it shouldn't be allowed, but I disagree with him – he doesn't know what he's talking about.

I'm a big Hawks fan – have been for many years, and while I'm a member of my club, I can't afford the premium Gold membership that guarantees a AFL Grand Final ticket

Back in the 80s and 90s it was really easy to get to the Grand Final, but it's so hard for the average fan now

In 2008 I missed the boys winning the Premiership and I vowed it'd never happen again. So in 2012, I bought a ticket from the AFL Event Office for \$1500. They had a pretty crappy breakfast function – wasn't like the North Melbourne one they show on the TV with all the famous people – and my seat was right up the back – back row of the top deck of the stand. The AFL ripped me off, and my team lost so you can imagine it wasn't a great day

In 2013, we made the Grand Final again but I just couldn't afford the \$1500 for a ticket – who cares about the ripoff breakfast, so I spoke to a mate who buys tickets sometime from this guy and he said that it's illegal and he shouldn't really do it but he'd sell me a ground level ticket for \$750. I was over the moon – couldn't buy it from him fast enough. And don't think for a second I'd tell you guys who sold me the ticket because I know it was illegal – some stupid law that is trying to make me pay more to see my team win the flag. That's right we finally won it and it was the greatest day of my life – stuck it right up em!

Anyway my point is what sort of country is this if you guys who are smarter than me and we vote you in to look after us bring in laws to stop me going to see my team play in a Grand Final

I don't have many vices, but footy and AC/DC it is. There's rumours that AC/DC are coming next year and can you please please please not make it hard for me to go and see them. I want to try and get a ticket from ticketek, but if it's sold out I don't want to have to pay for some ripoff function – just want a ticket and happy to pay a bit more for it if I can't get one myself (though I'll camp out overnight to make sure I do!)

Cheers

George