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Evidence for ticketing re-sale review1 message

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Dear I

I wish to make a submission to the review of ticket re-selling.

As a cricket fan, I am appalled that UK-based re-selling websites are openly facilitating the touting of match tickets at inflated prices, in contravention of the cricketing authorities' ban on above-face-value re-sales.

A good example was the England v Australia One Day International at Lord's on September 5th, 2015. On Stubhub, 104 tickets were on sale on August 29th. Seats with a face value of £70 were being offered for up to £413 each - a mark-up of nearly 600 per cent. On Viagogo, £110 tickets in the grandstand were on sale for an eye-watering £575 plus an equally outrageous booking fee of £172.50.

The England & Wales Cricket Board and individual clubs theoretically outlaw profiteering on ticket re-sales, and yet in reality, nothing is done about the flagrant online touting.

Restricting match tickets to the super-rich and denying access to lower income fans isn't just unfair. It can only hasten the continuing decline of cricket from our national summer sport to an elite pastime like polo.

The only measure which will stamp out the problem is an act of law specifically banning above-face-value ticket re-sales by third parties.

I am attaching screen grabs from Stubhub.co.uk and Viagogo.co.uk illustrating some of the worst abuses leading up to the September 5th Lord's match.

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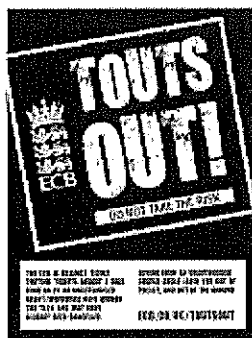
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