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ACT Labor's making the NRL grand final a politics-free zone – hopefully the Libs will follow suit this time

ACT Labor has again declared a politics-free zone for the NRL grand final this Sunday.

Chief Minister Jon Stanhope said ACT Labor would release no new policies on grand-final day and would not run political advertisements on stations broadcasting the game, for the duration of the game.

“I think Canberrans deserve the opportunity to enjoy the grand final with family and friends without political parties wooing them from the ad breaks,” Mr Stanhope said.

“That’s why ACT Labor has taken the decision to keep the broadcast of the grand final sacrosanct, and why it will not release any new policies on the day of the game.

“It was disappointing that the Liberals’ didn’t choose to follow ACT Labor’s lead and instead advertised all the way through the actual broadcast. Hopefully better sense will prevail from the Liberals this time.

“ACT Labor has also asked its candidates to respect the desire of Canberrans to enjoy the game, and to refrain from door-knocking during the grand final.

“Indeed, I think most ACT Labor candidates — in common with their fellow Canberrans — will be glued to their own television screens and enjoying the brief window of opportunity to watch a contest that does not involve them personally.

“The major disappointment about Sunday’s grand final is that the mighty Green Machine isn’t part of it, but I’m confident they’ll be there next year.” Mr Stanhope said.

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