If the NRL sticks with the likes of the Cowboys and/or the Warriors — and if Souths get back in via the boots 'n all battle which begins in court this Friday — this, then, is the answer: A 15-team comp, with the players of the "bye" team required to "go bush" each week to make a wholehearted commitment to the game's future.

THE emotion surrounding the death-blow dealt to Souths in October 1999 has spawned an interesting offspring.

A book written by Rabbitohs' devotee Mark Courtney — Moving the Goalposts (Halstead Press rrp \$24.95) — is about to hit the market, relating in intensely personal terms just what it was like to be a Souths fan when the knockout blow was delivered.

Courtney has followed the Rabbitohs for a third of their lives and all of his own.

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