

## A NATIONAL SPORTS INTEGRITY COMMISSION

The Review of Australia's Sports Integrity Arrangements recommends establishing a National Sports Integrity Commission to cohesively draw together and develop existing sports integrity capabilities, knowledge and expertise, and to nationally coordinate all elements of the sports integrity threat response.

### WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The Review found that the vulnerability of Australian sport to future corruption is exacerbated by the lack of a clear and national regulatory, law enforcement, policy and program delivery response across the sports integrity threat continuum.

Specifically, the Review found that without a central and specialised intelligence capability to support law enforcement and regulatory agencies across Australia, the sport and wagering sectors will remain vulnerable to criminal infiltration and exploitation.

### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### CENTRALLY COORDINATED RESPONSE

The Review recommends that the proposed National Sports Integrity Commission (the Commission) support sports at all levels by providing a single platform for coordinating Australia's response to sport integrity threats across all jurisdictions. The Review considers this would make the Commission well placed to identify and address new and emerging sports integrity issues, and coordinate Australia's engagement at an international level.

The Review recommends that the Commission have three primary areas of focus:

- Regulation – administration of the Australian Sports Wagering Scheme
- Monitoring, Intelligence and Investigations
- Policy and Program Delivery – to support sports and athletes at all levels

#### MONITORING, INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION

The Review identifies a need for a formal national capability dedicated to coordinating the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information and intelligence from sporting organisations, law enforcement agencies, and wagering service providers both domestically and internationally.

The Review recommends that the Commission exercise this function, including through formalising the ongoing operation of the Sports Betting Integrity Unit, working closely with sports, wagering service providers and state and territory regulators. The Review suggests this be accompanied by a Joint Intelligence and Investigations Unit established through the secondment of dedicated officers from law enforcement agencies, to enable prompt referral of potential criminal matters.

#### POLICY AND PROGRAM DELIVERY

The Review recommends that the Commission centrally coordinate sports integrity policy and program delivery functions, and be a single point of contact for all stakeholders on sports integrity matters. The Review also recommends the Commission provide education and outreach, and direct assistance to small and emerging sports that may not yet have the capacity to deal with contemporary integrity issues.

\* This fact sheet represents a summary of the Review's Key Findings and Recommendations, and does not reflect a Commonwealth Government position at this time.