



AN AUSTRALIAN SPORTS WAGERING SCHEME

The Review of Australia's Sports Integrity Arrangements recommends regulation of sports wagering become subject to an Australian Sports Wagering Scheme to streamline current processes and to provide clarity, transparency and consistency of the regulatory regime at a national level. The Review recommends that regulatory responsibilities sit within the proposed National Sports Integrity Commission.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The Review found that the sports integrity threat environment, particularly with respect to the links between organised crime and sports wagering, is evolving quickly, and risks will grow as the sports wagering market continues to develop in size and sophistication. Online offshore wagering providers are of particular concern.

The Review found that this threat is exacerbated by inconsistent, highly variable and complex Commonwealth, state and territory regulation of sports wagering. This creates undue administrative burden on sporting organisations and wagering service providers, and inhibits an effective national sports integrity response.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

STREAMLINING SPORTS WAGERING REGULATION

The Review recommends a national system for sports wagering regulation to reduce administrative burden and duplication of work by sports organisations, wagering service providers, state and territory regulators and others.

A MORE ROBUST INTEGRITY CAPABILITY

The Review recommends sports wagering regulatory responsibilities sit with the National Sports Integrity Commission, working in close collaboration with state and territory regulators, law enforcement, and other relevant agencies.

ESTABLISHING A SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY ALERT SYSTEM

The Review recommends establishing a Suspicious Activity Alert System, enabling the real-time receipt and dissemination of alerts, collection of responses and assessment of integrity risk, to allow timely and decisive action, including the potential suspension of relevant betting markets where appropriate.

ONLINE IN-PLAY WAGERING

The Review recommends that the Government consider expanding provision of in-play wagering, in the context of the reforms proposed as part of the Australian Sports Wagering Scheme. The Review found that with current restrictions, Australian consumers are participating in online in-play wagering with offshore unregulated providers. The Review identified that expanding provision of in-play wagering in Australia would enable more effective identification of potential wagering-related match-fixing, and allow sports, wagering service providers and governments to receive the financial benefits generated.

* 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.