

**Commonwealth Match-Fixing Offences Advisory Group**  
**Meeting Statement**  
**17 May 2019**

The first meeting of the Commonwealth Match-Fixing Offences Advisory Group was held via teleconference on 17 May 2019. The primary purpose of this meeting was to facilitate introductions, provide an overview of the Sport Integrity Taskforce's proposed approach to the development of offences and the work of the Advisory Group, and open the floor to general discussion.

Members were provided with background information that will assist them in their role of providing strategic advice and guidance to the Sports Integrity Taskforce on the development of Commonwealth match-fixing legislation.

Members discussed the variation that exists between state and territory match-fixing legislation, and reiterated the need for the Commonwealth to work closely with jurisdictions to understand the current legislative landscape, and encourage greater consistency.

The Taskforce opened a discussion regarding the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (Macolin Convention), which was signed by Australia on 1 February 2019, and will be central to the development of offences. Members discussed the impact of the ratification of the Macolin Convention on the timing of commencement of Commonwealth match-fixing offences.

**Next Meeting/Next Steps**

The Taskforce and Chair led a discussion regarding process and next steps, including links with other Advisory Groups and Working Groups established by the Sport Integrity Taskforce.

The Taskforce is developing papers for consideration by members to provide detailed guidance on the matters to be considered in the development of offences, as well as the proposed approach for consultation and Advisory Group engagement.

Members also discussed and noted that once further developed, the outcomes of Advisory Group consideration may be subject of consideration by the (intergovernmental) Committee of Australian Sport and Recreation Officials and the Council of Attorneys-General.

The next meeting of the Group will be scheduled for early September 2019.

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