



Submission from Sport Integrity Australia to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Introduction and our role

Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) welcomes this inquiry by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) into the effectiveness of Australia's National Anti-Doping Scheme.

The role of SIA as an independent statutory agency is to prevent and address threats to sports integrity and coordinate a national approach to matters relating to sports integrity in Australia with a view to:

- a) achieving fair and honest sporting performances and outcomes
- b) promoting positive conduct by athletes, administrators, officials, supporters and other stakeholders, on and off the sporting arena
- c) achieving a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment at all levels
- d) enhancing the reputation and standing of sporting contests and of sport overall.

We coordinate all elements of the national sports integrity threat response including prevention, monitoring, disruption and detection, investigation and enforcement. We provide a single point of contact for athletes, sporting organisations, law enforcement bodies and other stakeholders for matters relating to sports integrity.

As Australia's National Anti-Doping Organisation and in line with our obligations under the World Anti-Doping Code, and the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020*, we deliver a comprehensive anti-doping program to protect the health of Australian athletes and the integrity of sport.

With sport playing such a vital role in Australian life, including in the leadup to the Brisbane 2032 Olympics and Paralympics, we remain steadfast in our commitment to functions, frameworks and processes that are robust, fair, transparent, align to best practice standards and are fit for purpose.

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Implementation status of ANAO audit recommendations

This inquiry follows the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) Performance Audit and Report finalised in March 2025. SIA accepted all seven of the ANAO recommendations relating to performance measures, regulatory capture risks, procedures for test distribution planning, evaluation methodology, risk-based planning, investigative procedures, and quality assurance over investigations.

We have completed actions against four recommendations, and three recommendations have actions underway and on track for their implementation (see **Attachment A**).

WADA Audit

SIA was also subject to an audit by WADA in October 2025 as part of their standard compliance monitoring process. The audit assessed SIA's compliance against all aspects of the World Anti-Doping Code, and all relevant aspects of the eight mandatory international standards. The audit was conducted onsite, over three days and by international experts with decades of international anti-doping and audit experience.

While we are waiting for the final audit report, which will include a number of minor corrective actions, we are encouraged by the positive feedback from WADA indicating the robust and highly advanced nature of our anti-doping program.

Leading the way

We are proud of Australia's Anti-Doping framework and our anti-doping work. Globally SIA has a high standing as a leader when it comes to the application of the World Anti-Doping Code (the Code), demonstrated by our staff's appointments to several WADA Committees and Working Groups and frequent requests to support global capacity building through information sharing and training.

SIA remains committed to continuous improvement and welcomes the role of this inquiry in enhancing the effectiveness and transparency of our systems.

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Attachment A

#	Recommendation		Current Status	
1	Sport Integrity Australia develop effectiveness and efficiency measures and targets for anti-doping testing and investigations activities, consistent with requirements established in the Commonwealth Performance Framework.	<i>Agreed</i>	Ongoing	As no globally recognised measure of effectiveness exists for anti-doping testing, SIA continues to explore options for effectiveness and efficiency measures, including the data and methodology that would be required.
2	Sport Integrity Australia improve its controls for identifying and managing potential conflicts of interest, including those arising from gifts and benefits.	<i>Agreed</i>	Complete	SIA has focussed on improvements, including developing an online tool to automate conflict of interest and gifts and benefits declarations.
3	Sport Integrity Australia establish a procedure for the test distribution planning process for user pays sports.	<i>Agreed</i>	Complete	Existing Test Distribution Planning Procedure has been updated to include User Pays sports.
4	Sport Integrity Australia establish a documented methodology for evaluating test distribution planning for government and user pay sports, and document outcomes from evaluations.	<i>Agreed</i>	Complete	Recommended evaluation methodology was included as part of our 2025/26 test distribution planning process.
5	Sport Integrity Australia undertake annual risk assessment to inform test distribution planning for all sports subject to regulation, including user pays sports	<i>Agreed</i>	Complete	User Pays sports have been included in the risk assessment process for the 2025/26 planning process.
6	Sport Integrity Australia establish controls to ensure its documented investigative practices and procedures are implemented, or update procedures to reflect current endorsed practice.	<i>Agreed</i>	Ongoing	Procedure updates are on track to be completed by the end of November and will reflect current endorsed practice.
7	Sport Integrity Australia implement a quality assurance process for investigations that captures all types of investigations.	<i>Agreed</i>	Ongoing	A draft of an updated quality assurance framework is complete. Next steps will include seeking external expert review before internal approval.