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Submission of the Coalition of Major Professional and Participation Sports to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on the proposed ratification by Australia of the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (the Macolin Convention).

This submission is made on behalf of the Coalition of Major Professional and Participation Sports (COMPPS).

Background

COMPPS consists of the following organisations:

- Australian Football League (**AFL**);
- Cricket Australia (**CA**);
- Football Australia (**FA**);
- National Rugby League (**NRL**);
- Netball Australia (**NA**);
- Rugby Australia (**RA**); and
- Tennis Australia (**TA**).

As a coalition, we represent more than nine million participants and 16,000 sporting clubs across Australia. Each member of the coalition plays a vital role in developing, promoting and facilitating sport in Australia from the grass roots through to the international level. Our members are not-for-profit bodies responsible for the long-term development and sustainability of Australia's most prominent sports.

One of COMPPS' roles is to provide a collective response on behalf of its member sports where their interests are aligned.

Summary of COMPPS position

The Coalition of Major Professional and Participation Sports (COMPPS) supported Australia becoming a signatory to the Macolin Convention and supports its ratification.

The COMPPS members conducted a review of Australia's integrity landscape in 2010/11 which informed their contribution to the development of the Government's own National Integrity Policy in 2011. COMPPS participated in the stakeholder consultations conducted for the Wood review and its Executive Director, Policy was a member of the Adjunct Committee that assisted the Wood Review.

In the last two decades the COMPPS members have each invested significantly in implementing integrity policies and programs that are consistent with the provisions of the Macolin Convention that apply to sporting organisations. Throughout this period COMPPS and its members have worked collaboratively with all levels of government and relevant authorities to strengthen Australia's position and look forward to this ongoing collaboration.



COMPPS has consistently advocated for regulatory measures and other initiatives that can assist its members and government authorities in a collective approach to preventing, detecting and sanctioning activity that may threaten the integrity of Australian sport. A key area of this comprehensive strategy is an effective and nationally consistent legislative framework.

Accordingly, to the extent that ratification of the Macolin Convention would provide the platform for an improved legislative framework through appropriate federal legislation, COMPPS believes this is an important avenue that should be pursued and would engage constructively with government in the development of such legislation.

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