



A STRONGER NATIONAL RESPONSE TO MATCH-FIXING AND ASSOCIATED CORRUPTION

The Review of Australia's Sports Integrity Arrangements recommends that Australia become a party to the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (the Macolin Convention) to achieve a national-level, coordinated response to match-fixing and related corruption in Australia, and facilitate enhanced international cooperation.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The Review found that integrity risks are escalating, associated with the rapid growth of the regulated sports wagering markets, as well as the growing opportunities for match-fixing and related corruption associated with offshore, unregulated wagering providers operating online. The Review found that these risks are compounded by inconsistent wagering regulation and criminal prohibition of match-fixing behaviours resulting in a patchwork national response.

The Review found that a well-resourced national capability such as the proposed National Sports Integrity Commission needs to be supported by clear, cohesive national-level regulation and legislation. The Review found that this would enable Australia to confront and respond to domestic match-fixing and related corruption of sport, and effectively engage at the international level to combat transnational organised criminal threats.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

BECOMING A PARTY TO THE MACOLIN CONVENTION

The Macolin Convention is the primary multi-lateral international treaty aimed at combating match-fixing and other related corruption in sport. The Review recommends that Australia become a Party to the Macolin Convention, to guarantee Australia's participation in the ongoing development of an enhanced global response to match-fixing and related corruption.

ESTABLISHING NATIONAL CRIMINAL OFFENCE PROVISIONS

The Review found that the state and territory response to match-fixing offences is inconsistent, inhibiting law enforcement agencies in their investigation and prosecution of offences relating to match fixing – particularly in the context of sporting competitions (and sports corruption) often being multi-jurisdictional or international. Accordingly, the Review recommends that the Australian Government establish Commonwealth match-fixing offences with transnational application, while continuing to encourage consistency in relevant criminal provisions introduced by state and territory governments.

NATIONAL SPORTS INTEGRITY COMMISSION, WAGERING REGULATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

The Review recommends that Australia's response to sports integrity threats is nationally coordinated by the proposed National Sports Integrity Commission, including administration of the Australian Sports Wagering Scheme, and facilitation of information and intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination.

* 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.