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FROM: General Manager – Football Operations
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Dear All,

Further to our meeting on October 25th, and as part of our commitment to move forward to professionalising the NPL Mens and Womens Leagues when the key information is fully available, and the process is clear at all levels from player, club and Northern NSW Football – I can confirm that we will be delaying the introduction of professional contracts to NPL Mens and NPL Womens until the 2025 season.

It was evident at our most recent meeting that there are a number key issues which need to be addressed prior to implementation which we haven't received formal advice from Football Australia on as yet, and given the extremely short turnaround before the start of the window for NPLW Womens, we wanted to communicate this as soon as possible.

Northern NSW Football is committed to moving to professional contracts and will now delay the implementation until season 2025 for both Mens and Womens NPL. As noted in our previous communication, we have submitted a range of questions for Football Australia and will provide these answers to clubs once they have been addressed.

I'd like to thank everyone for their engagement in the process and look forward to a clear implementation in the future.

In practical terms, this will mean an alteration to the windows in which players can be registered. Whilst the windows will formally be confirmed in the release of the 2024 Rules and Regulations, the initial registration



deadline for first grade players for both competitions will be pushed back to approximately Monday 12 February.

Regards,

Liam Bentley
General Manager – Football Operations

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