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Dear Helene,

Review of governance and administration structures in northern NSW

I write on behalf of Football Australia (FA) to acknowledge receipt of the terms of reference and stakeholder consultation roadmap which will underpin Northern NSW Football's (NNSWF) review of the governance and administration structures serving the game in northern NSW.

The review has FA's full support and complements our national review and "One Football" strategy project.

FA acknowledges NNSWF's consultation with the independent Member Zones ahead of the review. The Zones' commitment to authentically participate in the review ensures that the process is respectful, constructive and that the best interests of our game overall prevail over any sectional interest.

Reform which delivers a modern, fit-for-purpose governance framework for football in Australia in line with global standards and best practice sports governance is central to *FA's XI Principles for the Future of Australian Football*, a blueprint which is itself the product of extensive consultation with all stakeholders in Australian football, including with local member zones.

Northern NSW is a well-known heartland of Australian football. It is vital that the governance and administration structures which will serve the game in the future have the capacity to tangibly support the game for the benefit of future generations. In response, FA fully supports anchoring the review's terms of reference on NNSWF's mandate to organise, promote and administer football in northern NSW.

FA applauds NNSWF's strong leadership and trusts that the review's ensuing recommendations enhance the sport's capacity to meaningfully support clubs and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible football experiences.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Nikou".

Chris Nikou
Chairman