

AUSTRALIAN STATE SPORTS FEDERATIONS ALLIANCE

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The Australian State Sports Federations Alliance (ASSFA) welcomed the release of the Crawford Report as a much needed opportunity to develop a national sports vision contributed to by all levels of government and sport.

ASSFA member Sports Federations meeting today in Adelaide acknowledged the potentially valuable contribution the report should make to an integrated sports system open to all Australians

ASSFA members have coverage of some 600 State level sporting organisations which cover over 6 million Australians.

“The report’s emphasis on building the capacity of sporting organisations, sport and physical activity in the education system, and sustaining an appropriate funding base for participation as well as elite sport is particularly significant” said ASSFA coordinator Peter Cummiskey, Executive Director of Q Sport.

The report challenges the Federal Government to partner with State and local governments and sport in a more collaborative way to address the requirements of all facets of the Australian sports system.

“ASSFA members welcome the report’s embrace of many of the propositions made to the Independent Sport Panel and look forward to further discussion with Federal and State/Territory Governments in the lead up to government’s response anticipated early next year” said Sport SA CEO Jan Sutherland, who hosted today’s meeting.

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