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## **Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions**

### **Group of Copenhagen – Network of National Platforms**

#### **National Platform Fact sheet**

#### **AUSTRALIA**

### **1. Administrative issues / State of progress**

#### ***State of Progress***

- ❖ Operational. Since November 2017, the Sports Betting Integrity Unit (SBIU) has performed the role of the Australian National Platform and is Australia's representative within the Group of Copenhagen.

#### ***Legal Status***

- ❖ Currently no basis in law.

#### ***Responsible Secretariat***

- ❖ N/A. The SBIU works in partnership with primary stakeholders responsible for the protection of the integrity of Australian sport, however there are no formal arrangements in place.

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#### ***Organizational form and composition of NP (bodies/entities)***

- ❖ The SBIU is embedded in Australia's national criminal intelligence agency, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and is a joint initiative between the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and the National Integrity of Sport Unit, located within the Australian Department of Health.

### **2. Structure / Operational Aspects**

#### ***Priorities / functions of the NP***

- ❖ To centralise the collection, collation, analysis and dissemination of betting related information and intelligence and protect Australian sport from criminal infiltration, match-fixing and betting related corruption.

## **Objectives**

- ❖ To collect, analyse and disseminate information and intelligence to combat the manipulation of sports events in Australia.
- ❖ To develop actionable intelligence relating to the serious organised crime infiltration (and exploitation of) sports within Australia and internationally.
- ❖ To maintain a contemporaneous understanding of current and emerging criminal methodologies used to exploit the domestic and international bookmaking industry and corrupt Australian sport – including the threat posed by offshore unregulated platforms.
- ❖ To provide expert advice on current and emerging threats to Australian sport and racing industries.
- ❖ To receive information on irregular and suspicious bets placed on Australian sports and racing events, and where appropriate, alert Australian law enforcement agencies and national sporting organisations.

## **Operational procedures**

- ❖ The operation of the SBIU is governed within the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission project approval framework. This framework ensures approved projects align with strategic objectives and monitors delivery and key reporting milestones.
- ❖ Under the funding agreement with National Integrity of Sport Unit, the SBIU provides quarterly reports on progress.

## **Implementation**

- ❖ The SBIU has been fully operational since November 2017.

## **Funding of the NP (estimated yearly budget, sources)**

- ❖ Dedicated funding from the National Integrity of Sport Unit has been allocated to the SBIU until EOFY 2020/21.

## **Other points**

- ❖ The Australian Government has agreed to formalise and expand the work of the SBIU by establishing a National Platform with the powers and capabilities required to address the threat of match-fixing as outlined in Article 13 of the Macolin Convention. Australia became a signatory to the Convention on 1 February 2019.
- ❖ Related capability development has already commenced in this area through the operation of the SBIU. This important work will be further considered and enhanced during the establishment of Sport Integrity Australia in 2020 aligned with the Australian Government response to the Report of the Review of Australia's Sports Integrity Arrangements, known as the Wood Review ([The Government Response to the Wood Review](#)).



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