

Friday, 31 July 2020

**Parliament of Western Australia
Public Accounts Committee**

To whom it may concern,

RE: Western Australia Football Commission (WAFC) submission to Public Accounts Committee

On behalf of the AFL, we would like to offer the following information in relation to the WAFC Public Accounts Committee enquiry:

- The AFL supports the need for a governing body to oversee the complexities of the AFL structure in Western Australia, including the WAFL competition, development pathway, of both participation and talent
- The AFL has a positive working relationship with the WAFC leadership and administration
- The WAFC plays a critical role in delivering National AFL programs in the State including programs such as NAB AFL Auskick. Further, a number of WAFC employees are involved in various national AFL working groups. For example, Troy Kirkham, is co-leading the National Junior Match Policy Football Review in conjunction with AFLQ and representatives from the AFL
- WAFC have supported the development of the refreshed AFL National States & Game Development Strategy, and have proactively worked with the AFL on the recovery of football in WA through the COVID-19 pandemic
- In recent years, WA has performed well on key participation metrics – please refer attached Appendix 1 for your information
- There is continued commitment from the AFL to meet its obligations under the tripartite funding agreement between the AFL, WAFC, and the WA State Government

Your faithfully,



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Appendix 1 - National Community football participation – 1 July, 2020

