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Dear Mr Katsambanis

Inquiry into the protection of crowded places in Western Australia from terrorist acts

I thank you for inviting the Western Australian Cricket Association (the WACA) to make a submission to the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee Inquiry into the protection of crowded places in Western Australia from terrorist acts.

The WACA collaborates with a number of agencies and organisations when preparing security and crowd management for cricket matches hosted at the WACA Ground. These agencies and organisations are:

- WA Police;
- Department of Fire and Emergency Services;
- St John Ambulance;
- Transperth;
- WARP Traffic Management;
- NPB Security; and
- Cricket Australia.

We also work closely with our neighbouring businesses including, Gloucester Park, Trinity College and Optus Stadium.

The WACA continues to maintain a very good working relationship with WA Police. This is evidenced by our collaboration with WA Police in preparation for match days to ensure the safety of our patrons and that appropriate protocols are established in the event of a terrorist act. The relationship and flow of information is managed by the General Manager of Operations and the Major Event Coordination Unit at WA Police.

In preparation for match days at the WACA Ground, our internal Security Guidelines are adopted, along with Cricket Australia's Venue Security and Crowd Management Guidelines to develop an Emergency Management Plan.

WA Police provide up to date information relating to the, *Hostile Vehicle Guidelines for Crowded Places* and *Australia's Strategy for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism*, to ensure that these guidelines are adopted in our Emergency Management Plan. These guidelines are considered in conjunction with WACA and Cricket Australia security policies.

In the lead up to match days, WA Police and the WACA jointly host table-top exercise scenario workshops with all stakeholders to ensure protocols for responding to a major incident are shared, discussed, agreed and implemented. Regular meetings between WACA staff and WA Police are scheduled in prior to matches to ensure that up-to-date information is provided.

A WACA Ground Emergency Management Team is operational on match days and WA Police provide their contact list ahead of each season to ensure that the Team have an up-to-date communications directory if required. Security checklists are performed prior to all match days.

Further, each year Cricket Australia host a National Crowd Management Forum for all state associations, venues and stakeholders, including WA Police.

NPB Security have been contracted to provide security services during match days at the WACA Ground since 2015. All necessary licensing documentation was provided at the beginning of their tenure with the WACA and they provide updated documentation on a yearly basis. We have not experienced any difficulty regarding this process.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer