

**COMPPS RESPONSE TO THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS ANTI-DOPING AUTHORITY
AMENDMENT BILL 2013**

**SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEE SECRETARY, SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES ON
RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT**

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Background

COMPPS

COMPPS consists of the following organisations:

- Australian Football League (**AFL**);
- Australian Rugby Union (**ARU**);
- Cricket Australia (**CA**);
- Football Federation Australia (**FFA**);
- National Rugby League (**NRL**);
- Netball Australia; and
- Tennis Australia.

Each of these organisations is the governing body and custodian of a major professional sport in Australia. They are not-for-profit bodies and are responsible for the long-term development and sustainability of their sport in Australia.

In general, COMPPS members provide a wide range of public benefits through a self-funding business model. A large portion of their revenue is devoted to enhancing, promoting and developing sport for all Australians both at national and 'grassroots' level.

One of COMPPS' roles is to provide a collective response on behalf of its member sports where their interests are aligned.

COMPPS makes the following comments in relation to the proposed Bill.

1. Enhancing ASADA's Investigatory Function:

In principle COMPPS supports the proposed increase to ASADA's investigatory functions by provision of the power to compel persons of interest to assist ASADA's investigations.

The increased investigative powers will complement ASADA's testing regimes and increase its ability to combat new generation doping methods.

We reserve our position in relation to the provisions that limit the use of self-incriminating information. We seek clarification that these amendments comply with all relevant international conventions.

2. Extension of Information Sharing Arrangements:

COMPPS supports the extension of information sharing arrangements with Government agencies.

3. The Anti-Doping Rule Violation Panel

COMPPS notes the provisions in relation to the Anti-Doping Rule Violation Panel.

4. Statute of Limitations.

We support the provisions that clarify possible inconsistencies with State laws.

5. Conflict of Interest Provisions.

We support the proposed conflict of interest provisions.

6. Compatibility with Human Rights.

We note the Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights and seek clarification as to whether these amendments comply with all relevant international conventions.

While COMPPS agrees in principle to the proposed increase to ASADA's investigatory functions, COMPPS and its member sports seek to be involved in further submissions and hearings so as to clarify these matters.

Signed for and on behalf of the COMPPS' Members.

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