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EQUESTRIAN SA GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REVIEW

A STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING

Following an approach from the Board of Equestrian South Australia, the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing has agreed to provide funding to facilitate an organisational governance review of the association (the Review).

As the funding agency, the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing has significant interest in ensuring that the Review provides tangible recommendations how Equestrian South Australia's future governance structures, systems and processes can best meet the needs of its membership.

As the custodian of the sport in South Australia, Equestrian South Australia will need to own the recommendations of the Review; therefore the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing has requested that the Equestrian South Australia Board provide draft Terms of Reference to the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing for consideration. This has now occurred and the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing staff are currently reviewing the draft Terms of Reference for their adherence to best practice governance principles.

In reviewing the Terms of Reference, the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing is examining matters to be considered in the Review, including the review methodology to ensure:

- The consultant undertaking the Review is independent and suitably qualified; this includes the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing having oversight of the consultant selection process.
- Opportunities for all interested parties to contribute to the Review, through the independent consultant.
- The recommendations of the Review are to be implemented by the Board; through the establishment of obligations and key milestones.
- The Board have access to support and advice throughout the Review and implementation processes.

The Review will not commence until the Terms of Reference have been approved by the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

I would like to clarify that this Review will be focused on governance policies, processes and practices. Past practices, or behaviours of the Board or individuals is outside of the scope of this Review; it is firmly focused on creating a governance environment in which the sport is contemporary, well run and has the best chance to thrive.

I would also like to assure members of Equestrian South Australia that any information provided to the Office or directly to the Minister has not, nor will, it be provided to the Equestrian South Australia Board.

I urge interested stakeholders to participate in the Review to shape the future of the sport in South Australia.

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