

## **Statement of Expectations by the Minister for the Arts and Sport for the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority**

This statement outlines the expectations of the Government and enhances the communication framework between the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority, myself and the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA) for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.

The Australian Government recognises the value of the arts and sport in contributing to the development of Australian culture and identity. The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority plays an important role in achieving this goal.

### **Priorities**

I expect the Authority to:

- implement the Australian Government's strengthened anti-doping framework, that balances a 'tough on drugs' approach with ensuring that all athletes are treated fairly and that athletes' rights are protected. This includes the effective and efficient operation of the National Anti-Doping Scheme;
- deliver on the Government's increased commitment to the investigation and prosecution of alleged anti-doping rule violations in sport;
- give effect to the Australian Government's commitments under the UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport and ensure that Australian sports are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code;
- work with DCITA to implement the revised World Anti-Doping Code, which is due to be endorsed at the Third World Conference on Doping in Sport in November 2007;
- ensure that the Authority's current education and information programs and strategies are adequately informing the sporting community of their rights and obligations in relation to doping in sport. This includes identifying strategies that may also better inform the general public of Authority's operations; and
- implement the recommendations from the Uhrig assessment.

It is also my expectation that the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority will:

- be responsive to Government and to the Parliament while fulfilling its functions, as outlined in the *Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act 2006*;
- manage the affairs of the Authority with diligence and in compliance with all relevant legislative requirements and applicable Government policies, including the *Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act 2006*, the *Financial Management Accountability Act 1997* and *Public Service Act 1999*;
- work cooperatively with DCITA and other portfolio agencies to effectively fulfil the Authority's role in delivering on the Australian Government's sport policy;
- keep DCITA and myself fully informed in a timely manner of the Authority's activities and of any significant events relating to the Authority's activities;

- respond to requests from my office and DCITA in a timely manner, and work with DCITA as my primary source of advice;
- develop and maintain effective relationships with key stakeholders, in both the public and the private sectors;
- effectively implement and maintain the highest standards of corporate governance, including the development of effective strategic planning documents containing relevant and measurable performance indicators, risk management strategies and a performance monitoring framework;
- ensure that members are aware of their roles and responsibilities and are participating in ongoing professional development and self-assessment;
- provide for my approval a Statement of Intent (SOI) within two months receipt of this SOE. The SOI should state how the Authority proposes to meet the expectations of Government, including identifying key performance indicators; and
- provide a brief governance report for discussion at the formal biannual governance meetings.