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ANTI-DOPING ADVISORY GROUP ANNOUNCED

Minister for Sport Mark Arbib today announced appointments to the first advisory group to the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA).

This is the first full panel to act as a consultative forum for ASADA's CEO on matters relating to deterring, detecting and enforcing doping issues in sport.

Accomplished sports lawyer, Mr Brian Ward OAM will Chair the Advisory Group whose members include:

- Ms Kate Palmer - Netball Australia Chief Executive.
- Mr John Drury PSM - Former Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Customs Service.
- Professor David Handelsman - Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology and Andrology, University of Sydney and Director of the ANZAC Research Institute at Concord Hospital, Sydney.
- Ms Anne Gripper - Triathlon Australia Chief Executive Officer and former Director of the Anti-Doping Foundation at the International Cycling Union.
- Mr Steve Moneghetti - One of Australia's greatest marathon runners and Chef-de-Mission at the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Senator Arbib said each member of the Advisory Group had earned the utmost respect within their chosen field and their knowledge and experience would serve ASADA well into the future.

"The group is made up of experts in the areas of the law, sport, health, law enforcement and education," Senator Arbib said.

"It will play an important part in further strengthening Australia's anti-doping efforts which serve to protect the integrity of sport and the health of our athletes.

"The Australian Government, through ASADA, aims to develop a sporting culture free from doping in which performance is based on an athlete's talent, determination, courage and honesty."

ASADA is Australia's national anti-doping organisation and offers the most fully integrated anti-doping framework in the world. Its work involves sample collection, education, investigation, presentation of cases at hearings, sanction recommendations and the development, approval and monitoring of sporting organisations' anti-doping policies.

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Brian Ward OAM – Chair

Brian Ward, is a graduate of the University of Melbourne. He was admitted to practice in 1970. He is the founder and current Managing Director of the highly regarded Melbourne based corporate law firm, Brian Ward and Partners Pty Ltd.

Over his long period in practice, Mr Ward has been professionally engaged in many of the seminal developments in sport. He is a foundation member of the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association. He has presented papers at international law conferences, has published widely on his subject and is an occasional lecturer in the master of laws program at his alma mater.

In 2008, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the community and in particular, the Red Cross.

John Drury PSM – Member

John Drury was formerly Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Customs Service where he worked in both regional and central office positions. In 2003, Mr Drury was awarded the Public Service Medal in the Australia Day Honours list for outstanding public service in the development of standards in the Australian Customs Service, including cargo management and border control procedures.

Mr Drury has extensive experience and knowledge in both law enforcement and regulatory environments, which will be useful in light of the increasing role of the investigative and intelligence work that ASADA undertakes.

Anne Gripper – Member

Anne Gripper has an extensive history of working with key national and international organisations on anti-doping issues. Ms Gripper is currently the CEO of Triathlon Australia and was formerly the Director of the Anti-Doping Foundation at the International Cycling Union (UCI) and General Manager of Operations at the Australian Sports Drug Agency (the forerunner to ASADA). As a member of the Australian Age Group World Championships team in the sport of triathlon, Ms Gripper will also provide an athlete's perspective to the Advisory Group.

Professor David Handelsman – Member

Professor David Handelsman is the Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology and Andrology at the University of Sydney, Director of the ANZAC Research Institute and Head of the Andrology Department, Concord Hospital. Professor Handelsman has been adviser to Australian Sports Drug Medical Advisory Committee since 1999, served on the Australian Government's Anti-Doping Research Panel since 2002 and was recently appointed to the World Anti-Doping Agency's Health, Medical and Research Committee.

Steve Moneghetti – Member

Whilst best known for his sporting achievements, Steve Moneghetti also has an Engineering Degree and a Diploma in Teaching. He chaired the State Review into Physical and Sport Education in Victorian Schools and is currently a consultant to Nike Australia. Steve was also Chef-de-Mission at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and brings an athlete and administrator's view to the Advisory Group.

Kate Palmer – Member

Since her appointment as Chief Executive of Netball Australia in November 2007, Ms Palmer has led the relocation of the national headquarters from Sydney to Melbourne, secured significant Federal Government funding, was integral in the development of the ground-breaking ANZ Championship and recently headed up Australia's successful bid for the 2015 World

Netball Championships. A Williamson Fellow, Ms Palmer is currently Chair of the Victorian Institute of Sport and a member of the MCG Trust.