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SUBMISSION TO THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON GAMBLING REFORM.

INQUIRY INTO THE INTERACTIVE GAMBLING AND BROADCASTING AMENDMENT (ONLINE TRANSACTIONS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2011

The Coalition of Major Professional and Participation Sports (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 (NA); and
- Tennis Australia (TA).

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

COMPPS made a submission on 30 June 2011 to this Committee.

COMPPS is now asked to make a further submission addressing the Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011.

Our submission is as follows:

1. The COMPPS Members are involved in several Federal and State Government Inquiries into sports betting, corruption, advertising and related matters.

2. COMPPS respectfully submits that the Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 does not address all of the complex issues that are currently being considered by sports, various Governments, the gaming and wagering industry and community groups.

3. COMPPS member sports support a multi-pronged and consistent approach to integrity, promotion and harm minimization and currently rely on a wide range of measures to ensure this – including education programs, Codes of

Conduct and Integrity Agreements with betting operators. COMPPS member sports are seeking national or nationally consistent legislation that supports this work. The proposed Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 does not achieve that goal.

4. COMPPS welcomes the announcement on 10 June 2011 by the Sport and Recreation Ministers Council of a National Policy on Match Fixing in Sport to establish a framework for all Australian Governments to work with sporting bodies and betting companies to deal with betting related corruption in sport. COMPPS is continuing dialogue with the Government in relation to this policy.

5. COMPPS welcomes the announcement on 27 May 2011 by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in which Ministers agreed to consult with sports bodies and the sports betting industry to take action to reduce and control the promotion of live odds during sports coverage. COMPPS will engage with the Government in relation to this initiative.

6. COMPPS will continue working with the Government in progressing policy discussions on these issues.

Submitted for and on behalf of the COMPPS' Members.

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