

SPORT AND RECREATION MINISTERS' MEETING **COMMUNIQUÉ**

Sydney, 8 December 2016

Ministers agreed that the Australian Sports Commission, in conjunction with the Committee of Australian Sport and Recreation Officials, will investigate current and alternative models to improve the delivery of high performance sport for consideration by Ministers at their April 2017 meeting.

Ministers supported a National Forum in the first quarter of 2017 to explore a national approach to increasing physical activity in schools. The forum will investigate opportunities for collaboration between the education, health and sport and recreation sectors to ensure kids have the physical literacy they need to be physically active and healthy for the rest of their lives.

Achieving gender equality in sport and active recreation and getting more women and girls to be more physically active were considered high priorities for national action.

Ministers made a strong commitment to addressing the gender divide in sport and recreation by agreeing to develop national targets in the priority areas of participation, leadership, promotion, and places and spaces. The targets will be considered at the Ministers' April 2017 meeting.

Ministers recognised the importance of sport and recreation in Indigenous communities and agreed to continue further discussions regarding Indigenous sports programs.

Ministers also supported the next stage of governance reforms being led by the Australian Sports Commission. These aim to improve the leadership of sporting organisations with a focus on a more consistent approach to strategic planning, digital strategy, sponsorship, marketing and financial management.

Ministers announced a three-year Strategic Agenda and agreed to sign a new three-year National Sport and Active Recreation Framework to foster closer collaboration across governments and achieve better outcomes for the Australian community.