

Foreword

Racism in sport is a reality. Incidents of discrimination and vilification are prevalent across many sporting codes, involving professional and amateur sportspeople, coaches and spectators.

While it is clear that the fear of racism in Australian sport is a major barrier to participation for many individuals and groups in society, what isn't so evident is what we are doing to address the issue.

This report attempts to shed some light on this by highlighting existing strategies and programs that have been adopted by 17 national sporting organisations, federal and state governments, various non-government sporting agencies and human rights institutions to combat racism within sport.

The level of participation in sport by people from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background and the barriers limiting their involvement are also areas where very little is known. To remedy this, the report also surveys these sporting codes and government agencies to see what initiatives and projects are being conducted to promote an inclusive and non-discriminatory environment for Indigenous people and CALD communities.

It seems clear to me, if participants find their involvement in sport safe, enjoyable and welcoming then they will be much more likely to continue this sport from childhood into their adult lives. As such, our sporting organisations need to ensure that their policies and programs are focused on making sport fun, inclusive and fulfilling to those who take part – then everyone is on a winning team.

Yours sincerely



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