

APPENDIX C: METHODOLOGY

The methodology employed by the Panel in undertaking its review of the Australian sporting system, both at the elite and community sport level involved:

- Written submissions sought directly from key stakeholders.
- Advertisements in national newspapers seeking input from the wider community. Advertisements were placed in the national newspapers in September 2008 and again in March 2009.
- The Panel received 213 submissions from key stakeholders and the wider community.
- Dissemination of information via the Panel website (www.sportpanel.org.au)
- The Panel conducted 77 meetings with key sport sector stakeholders that accepted offers, visiting each state and territory.
- Testing of a number of propositions with elite sportspeople.
- Conducting thirteen (13) public forums across metropolitan and regional Australia to seek feedback from the individuals and local sporting organisations on community sport issues. The forums began in Darwin on 23 March 2009 and concluded in Coffs Harbour on 1 May 2009. Approximately 368 participants attended the forums. Participants were representatives of government, community organisations or local, state and national sporting organisations.
- Assessment of the information, data and research presented to the Panel and identification of the key findings.
- Development of the recommendations and report throughout 2009.

In all, during the consultation process, the Panel met with, or received submissions from, over 650 organisations or individuals.⁹⁴ The wide range of organisations and individuals who contributed to the review through the Panel's consultations encompassed:

- Each state/territory department of sport and recreation.
- Representatives of each state and territory government;

⁹⁴ A full list of organisations and individuals that contributed to the Panel is included at Appendix D

- The Australian Sports Commission and other Australian Government departments and agencies.
- The Australian Institute of Sport and state/territory institutes and academies of sport.
- Representatives of local government.
- National and state/territory sporting organisations and umbrella groups.
- Recreation industry and training peak bodies.
- Members of the public

The Panel was informed by the representations from each of these groups and information assisted the Panel in its analysis of issues and influenced its recommendations.