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Dear Members,

On behalf of the Football NSW Board, I welcome you back ahead of what is shaping up to be an exciting 2018.

The Board and senior management is continuing to work on the Strategic Plan for Football NSW and we look forward to sharing further information about our progress in due course.

I take this opportunity to advise members that the 2017 Football NSW Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) will be held at **7.00pm on Friday, 23 March 2018** at Valentine Sports Park. A formal Notice of AGM will be issued in due course.

As you are aware, the terms of Football NSW Standing Committee members expired on 31 December 2017.

The Football NSW Board recently undertook a review of the Standing Committees and as a result of that review considered and approved a number of amendments to the Football NSW By-Laws which is the document governing all aspects of the Standing Committees.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold: the first is to now formally call for nominations from the football community for membership of each of the Football NSW Standing Committees and the second is to summarise the key amendments to the By-Laws.

One of the key amendments is the inclusion, in Schedule 4 of the By-Laws, of maps and descriptions of the boundaries of our metropolitan Associations. This was an amendment previously requested by a number of Associations and we are glad that Association boundaries have now been properly reflected in the By-Laws.

As you will be aware, the Board in 2016 allowed the newly created Hills Football Incorporated (**HFI**) to affiliate with Football NSW and as part of that process created a "virtual" HFI boundary within the Granville & Districts Soccer Football Association boundary (**GDSFA**). As HFI is not a voting member of Football NSW and given the By-Laws set out the boundaries of voting members only, the boundaries as set out in the By-Laws reflect GDSFA's original boundary. Nevertheless, Football NSW continues to recognise the "virtual" HFI boundary.

The two other key sets of amendments to the By-Laws relate to the Standing Committees.

The first of these amendments relates to how nominees for certain Standing Committees are selected.

Under the previous By-Laws, in the event the number of valid nominations for Nominated Member positions exceeded the number of positions to be filled on either the **Coaches and Technical Advisory Panel**, the **Women's Standing Committee**, the **Referees Advisory Panel** or the **Futsal Standing Committee**, membership of those Standing Committees was determined by the drawing of lots.

The Board felt that this was an inappropriate means for determining the membership of these Standing Committees as it could lead to less experienced and/or less qualified individuals attaining office.

Accordingly, under the amended By-Laws, nominees for positions on the abovementioned Standing Committees will, along with the nomination form, be required to submit a short biography (no more than 1,000 words) about themselves and addressing the Selection Criteria.

In the event the number of valid nominations for Nominated Member positions exceeds the number of positions to be filled on the abovementioned Standing Committees, the Board will establish a Nominations Committee which will consider each nominee and assess their compliance with the Selection Criteria. The Nominations Committee will comprise the independent members of the Legal & Regulatory Committee.

The second set of amendments relating to Standing Committees alter slightly the make-up of the **Coaches and Technical Advisory Panel**, the **Women's Standing Committee** and the **Referees Advisory Panel**.

The Board is of the opinion that these two sets of amendments will help ensure that the most appropriate representatives of the broader football community are entrusted with the responsibility of guiding the Standing Committees through their next term.

Attached to this letter are the following documents for the information of members:

- **Annexure A - Information Guide for Members**, which sets out the key changes to the By-Laws as they affect the Standing Committees.
- **Annexure B – Standing Committee Member Nomination Guidelines**, which calls for nominations from the football community for membership of the Standing Committees with membership to have effect from 23 February 2018 until 31 December 2019 and explains the nomination process that applies.

We encourage all members to read these documents, together with the new By-Laws, which can be found [here](#).

The deadline for receipt of nominations is **5.00pm on Wednesday, 14 February 2018**.

Once the members of each Standing Committee have been confirmed, each Standing Committee will need to meet to elect one of their own as Chair and Deputy Chair of their Standing Committee. These meetings will need to take place ahead of the AGM.

We encourage participants to nominate for positions on the Standing Committees and we look forward to working with Standing Committees during an important time for football in New South Wales and Australia.

Kind Regards,



**Anter Isaac**

Chairman