

The President

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Dear Kate, Dear Craig,

Thank you for the fruitful conversation that we have had today.

Over the last years we have monitored the situation of Equestrian Australia (EA) and it was with much regret that we saw that the instability of the organisation and governance continued. For this reason we welcome the initiative of placing EA under Voluntary Administration on 9 June 2020 with the clear ambition to reform and restructure the organisation.

We have also been in contact with the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) to discuss the situation and both the AOC and the FEI are willing to cooperate and to support this process with the goal of EA implementing a sustainable, democratic, stable and representative new governance model at the earliest.

At the same time we recognise the importance of continuing with the daily work and services of EA to allow Australian athletes to keep on training and preparing for participation at international Events as well as for Tokyo 2020 and to maintain the organisation of international competitions in Australia.

For these reasons, to facilitate the above mentioned goals, the FEI hereby confirms that EA remains temporarily the only National Governing Body recognised by the FEI for the FEI Disciplines in Australia awaiting the outcome of the Voluntary Administration after which the FEI will evaluate whether EA fulfils the requirements to maintain its membership within the FEI

In this sense the FEI will continue offering all its support to EA and to the Voluntary Administrators on this crucial restructuration process that shall encompass the highest standards of sport governance and shall be carried out to the satisfaction of AOC, the Australian Paralympic Committee, the Australian Sports authorities, the FEI and generally the Australian Equestrian Community.

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We would be grateful if you could please keep us updated of further steps and we wish you the best of luck on this important process. Please feel free to share this letter with whoever you think relevant.

Yours sincerely,

Ingmar De Vos President

<u>CC</u>:

- Matt Carrol, CEO Australian Olympic Committee
- Lynne Anderson, CEO Australian Paralympic Committee
- Robert Dalton, acting CEO Sport Australia