

October 4, 2019

Presidents and CEO's
Member Associations
Little Athletics Australia
Athletics Australia
Via Email



Re: Proposed Merger of Little Athletics Australia and Athletics Australia

Yesterday Little Athletics Australia and Athletics Australia publicly announced the proposed merger of both organisations. The vision for OneAthletics (the project working title) is to transform athletics into the biggest participation sport in the country, with a clear and logical pathway for athletes, coaches and officials throughout their life in the sport. Acting as one we can seize greater opportunities for members and reach our full potential.

We would like to acknowledge the advance wisdom shown by our member associations and particularly want to recognise the work that WA, NSW, Victoria and the ACT have done in setting the foundation for the merger. We want to also thank the member associations for respecting our processes and for working closely with the national bodies.

This day marks the beginning of a consultative process. Our members will not be asked to make a decision on OneAthletics until October 2020.

This is a proposed merger of equals. The new body will preserve the rights of all members of Little Athletics and Athletics Australia.

The name 'Little Athletics' will be proudly retained, because it has an iconic position in the kids sporting landscape and will be given fresh impetus with the backing of new clubs and the wider athletics family.

One Athletics will simplify the member pathway and remove the confusion of overlapping products. The united approach to the sport brings the pieces of the jigsaw together and allows us to develop new pieces with joint expertise.

Our combined operations will be more efficient and streamlined. Led by one Board with duties to all, equally, the divisions that exist at the administration, coaching and officials level of athletics will be largely eliminated.

This single action will remedy the disconnect between the junior and senior arms of our sport; together we will create a pathway and drive a life-long involvement in athletics for our participants and members. OneAthletics is a natural progression, the logical end-state of One Sport, which has the full support of both Boards and Sport Australia.

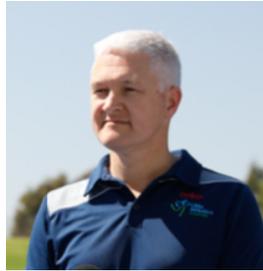
The website <https://oneathletics.com.au/> has been created as an information resource about the proposed merger and we encourage you to visit the site which provides information around the proposed timeline, governance and benefits of the proposed merger. It also contains a series of FAQ's.

We are committed to a consultative process with all Member Associations and look forward to working with you all.

Kind regards,



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