

## **Recommendations for Women in Sport and Recreation in Australia**

### **Recommendation 1; Chapter 3, Page 24:**

The committee recommends that the Australian Sports Commission and state and territory sport and recreation authorities, in collaboration with the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, develop and implement strategies to address the issue of the high attrition rates in female participation in sport and recreation activities.

### **Recommendation 2; Chapter 3, Page 28:**

The committee recommends that all levels of government consider extending resources to a broader range of sports to ensure that women are provided with greater choice and opportunity for participating in physical activity including for example outdoor recreation and dance.

### **Recommendation 3; Chapter 3, Page 37:**

The committee recommends that, in light of the pressure on available sporting facilities, state and territory education authorities should work with sporting clubs and organizations, and local communities, to improve cooperation and access to facilities for children's sporting activities, particularly schools.

### **Recommendation 4; Chapter 3, Page 40:**

The committee recommends that the Australian Sports Commission inquire into the dress code policies of sports organizations with a view to encouraging clubs, schools and sports organizations to review these policies.

### **Recommendation 5; Chapter 3, Page 40:**

The committee recommends that sporting organizations, with the assistance of the Australian Sports Commission and state and territory sport and recreation authorities, develop strategies to provide more sporting activities focused on participation and enjoyment.

### **Recommendation 6; Chapter 3, page 45**

The committee recommends that the Commonwealth, states, territories and local government recognize the importance of occasional child care in facilitating women's participation in sport and recreation.

### **Recommendation 7; Chapter 3, page 45**

The committee recommends that sport and recreation provider organizations canvass members to establish the most suitable times that will enable women to participate in sport and recreation activities and facilitate access to women during those times.

### **Recommendation 8; Chapter 3, page 45**

The committee recommends that the Commonwealth encourage state and territory governments, and especially local government, to address the lack of women's facilities at sporting venues.

**Recommendation 9; Chapter 4, Page 76:**

The committee recommends that the Australian Sports Commission further develop and expand the AIS ACE career assistance program to enable a greater number of athletes to compete in elite sports. The committee recommends the AOC expand its ASPIRE Career Assistance Program.

**Recommendation 10; Chapter 4, Page 76:**

The committee recommends that a concerted effort be made by governments, sporting associations and the media to promote sportswomen as role models to girls and women and to the wider community. This recommendation aims to motivate girls and women to pursue a career in sport and to motivate them to commence or continue participation in sport and recreation.

**Recommendation 11; Chapter 4, page 76:**

The committee recommends that NSO's review, and modify if required, the timing of national league competitions to facilitate, participation by elite sportswomen in Australia's national representative teams.

**Recommendation 12; Chapter 5, Page 90:**

The committee recommends that appropriate organizations with an interest in women in sport and recreation be funded by the Australian Sports Commission to provide skills training in the areas of leadership, communication skills and successful team building; and that the Commonwealth fund the Commission to implement this.

**Recommendation 13; Chapter 5, Page 90:**

The committee recommends that the Australian Sports Commission continue to provide opportunities for women sport leaders to attend workshops and forums to develop techniques for successful networking.

**Recommendation 14; Chapter 5, Page 90:**

The committee recommends that the Sport Leadership Grants for Women be continued and that the Commonwealth increase funding for this scheme.

**Recommendation 15; Chapter 6, Page 112:**

The committee recommends that the Australian Government provide financial support, to be administered by the Australian Sports Commission, for initiatives that provide specific opportunities for greater ongoing coverage of women's sport. The committee believes the ASC should administer funding of up to \$3 million per annum, and that the initiative be reviewed after approximately three years.

**Recommendation 16, Chapter 6, Page 113:**

The committee recommends that the government consider allocating up to \$1 million to the Australian Paralympic Committee to assist with production and associated costs of televised coverage of the forthcoming Paralympics, and that the arrangement stipulate that a condition of accessing this funding be that there be balanced coverage of male and female athletes.

**Recommendation 17; Chapter 6, Page 114:**

The committee recommends that the Australian government provide financial support, to be administered by the Australian Sports Commission, for the training of athletes and sports administrators to better utilize media opportunities.

**Recommendation 18; Chapter 6, Page 115:**

The committee recommends that the government fund the Australian Sports Commission to replicate in 2008-09 the surveys and analysis performed in the 1996 report *An Illusory Image*.