

## Letter to Former WAIS Gymnasts

To all former gymnasts of the WAIS Women's Artistic Gymnastics program,

It is now one year since the release of findings of Sports Integrity Australia's (SIA) Review of the WAIS Women's Artistic Gymnastics Program. We, the members of the WAIS Board, are writing to you because we know the apology provided by WAIS in April 2022 fell short. In preparing to participate in the Reconciliatory and Restorative Process recommended by SIA, we have been working with experts in this area and have been on our own journey of growth and learning. We have reflected on the past apology and understand why it needed to be re-assessed. As we prepare to invite you to participate in the restorative process, we would like to provide you with an updated apology.

We thank you for sharing your experiences of abuse and harm as a WAIS Women's Artistic Gymnast with Sport Integrity Australia. Your bravery coming forward and sharing your experiences of abuse and harm is playing a key role in helping WAIS address past failings and ensuring that athlete care is never compromised in the pursuit of sporting excellence.

To read what you have been through has been deeply upsetting and we want to express our heartfelt apology to every gymnast who has suffered as a result of the time you spent in the WAIS Gymnastics program. **We are sorry.**

We are committed to supporting all gymnasts who have suffered as a result of their experiences in the Women's Artistic Gymnastics program at WAIS. We understand this has been a difficult period for you, and that many of you are still suffering as a result of your time at WAIS.

We are dedicated to working diligently with you through a meaningful restorative and reconciliatory process to support your healing. We are committed to ensuring that current and future athletes are not subject to the same experiences you endured while training at WAIS.

WAIS has accepted all the recommendations and findings of the SIA Review and takes full responsibility for addressing them. We know it is our actions that count, and we're committed to implementing meaningful change that is understood by everyone at WAIS.

We will not tolerate any type of abuse or harm in any WAIS sport program to ensure sport is safe for everyone.

We will be publishing a public commitment statement on the 5th May 2023, that includes this updated apology, and details how WAIS commits to acting in the best interests of athlete health, wellbeing, and safety.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on a meaningful reconciliation and restorative engagement.

Thankyou,

The WAIS Board