



To Nathan Fewkes

**Department of the House of Representatives**

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit a response to the Joint Standing Committee on Implementation of the National Redress Scheme (the Scheme) in relation to the submission from Ms Quigley.

Please see below direct response to the numbered submission from Ms Quigley.

1. Ms Quigley is known to Gymnastics Australia. Alexandra Ash, CEO is in regular contact with Ms. Quigley regarding her experiences in gymnastics and discussions on continuous improvement in the child safeguarding, integrity, and governance space.
2. No comment
3. No comment
4. As per quoted in the Gymnastics Australia 2020 annual report, *Gymnastics Australia has continued to engage with the National Redress Scheme throughout the year and has formally commenced the on-boarding process.* The reference to the GA's position at this relevant point in time with regards to the 'on-boarding process' has been outlined below.
5. The Australian Government extended the cut-off date for joining the Scheme from 30 June 2020 to 31 December 2020.

Gymnastics Australia, as required, engaged with the Scheme throughout the on-boarding process prior to 30 June 2020. This involved signing a "Letter of Intent" to join the scheme, however this did not commit Gymnastics Australia to joining the Scheme.

Whilst the onboarding process commenced prior to 30 June it was not required to be completed prior to this date.

When the Scheme received an application naming the institution after the 30 June 2020 deadline, the Scheme will contact the institution and the institution will be given six months to join the Scheme.

When Gymnastics Australia was made aware of a respondent, Gymnastics Australia formally commenced the onboarding process within the six-month time period.

6. As stated above, Alexandra Ash CEO GA meets with Ms Quigley regularly in her role as an important stakeholder and advocate for children and young people in the sport of gymnastics.
7. As noted above



8. Alexandra Ash CEO commenced in June 2022. At this point, Ms Quigley disclosed to her that she was a respondent to the scheme. Ms Ash provided detail regarding the onboarding program for the scheme and the status of GA at that time, which was that Gymnastics Australia was deemed to be in a financial position that prevented it from being accepted by the scheme.
9. No comment
10. No comment
11. Alexandra Ash CEO met with Ms Quigley on 30 June 2022 and addressed the quote in the 2020 Gymnastics Australia Annual Report.
12. This is not a requirement and there is significant complexity regarding a Sport's suitability to join the Scheme of which cannot be demonstrated in a single graphical representation. These complexities include the financial position of organisations, federated models of Sports, options of guarantors to financial arrangements, entity status, roles and responsibilities of entities at the time of abuse.
13. No comment
14. No comment
15. I assume Ms Quigley is referring to the option within the scheme where professional services can be an option for survivors due to the financial position of the entity, not be financially sufficient to fully join the scheme.
16. Gymnastics Australia is working directly with the National Redress Scheme on options to engage with the Scheme. . It is understood that the National Redress Scheme formally approached Australian Olympic Committee to fund Gymnastics Australia's application to the Scheme, of which was declined.
17. No comment
18. Gymnastics Australia continues to engage with the National Redress Scheme on options for survivors.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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