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Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts  
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Dear Sir/madam

I am writing on behalf of the Women's Sports Foundation, the only organisation solely committed to promoting women and girls sport in the UK. We do this through lobbying and campaigning, influencing decision makers, training, research and information.

Over the past few years WSF has produced a number of reports on the state of women and girls' sports participation and female sport in the media. Most recently in June 2006 WSF responded to the Media Culture and Sport Committee (UK) Inquiry into Women's Football and in July 2006 published a report on women's sport in the media.

Senator Kate Lundy recently visited London and met with my colleague Helen Dohohoe. She asked if we would forward onto the Committee Secretary for SECITA some of our reports and our football submission as it may add value to the your ongoing Inquiry into women's sport in Australia.

I have enclosed paper copies of 4 reports:

- 1) *Britain's best kept secrets* – In 2003 WSF launched a Campaign for Coverage. *Britain's best kept secrets* is the campaign report which documents the evidence of the inequalities in media coverage of women's sport.

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2) *Playing catch up* – This report is WSF's 2006 evaluation of the previous three years of media coverage of women's sport to see if there have been any improvements since the Campaign for Coverage was launched.

3) *UK Strategy Framework for Women and Sport: progress made towards objects and targets set for 2005*. This is the second report in the series which documents whether 'sport' is meeting the targets set (back in 2003) for December 2005 for women's participation, funding and leadership. This report highlights statistics and the most up-to-date research around women and girls' participation in sport, including coaching, funding, leadership and media coverage.

4) WSF's response to the Culture Media and Sport Committee Inquiry: Women's Football.

We have electronic versions of the Select Committee report as well as the UK Strategy progress report if you would prefer. The other two reports are hard copy only.

I hope you will find these reports of interest to you and will assist you in your Inquiry.

Yours faithfully



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