



MEMO **Future Direction of Senior Men’s Competitions in Greater Adelaide**
DATE: **3 March 2026**
TO: **Semi Professional Clubs, SAASL and CSL Board, SAASL and CSL Clubs**
FROM: **Football South Australia**

Sports Advisory Partners were commissioned by Football South Australia in 2025 to review the current men’s competitions structures to ensure the best environment for the growing junior participation base to transition to senior football. Retention of players is a key focus of the Football South Australia strategy.

The review was commissioned to recommend the following:

1. Competition structures that maximise player transition from junior to senior football.
2. Provide a pathway for aspiring clubs and
3. Facilitate the continued growth of all senior competitions in metropolitan Adelaide.

Consultation with stakeholders took place via an online survey (received in excess of 1,400 responses) and face to face workshops with Semi Professional Clubs, SAASL and CSL Board and Clubs. The workshops provided a valuable insight into the current structures and views on the future direction of Football in metropolitan Adelaide.

The report is complete and Football South Australia is pleased to share the report in Full, and it can be found [here](#).

Football SA has considered recommendations from SAPA and are pleased to provide a response which can be found [here](#).

Stakeholder meetings will be scheduled in the coming weeks to discuss the paper more broadly and recommendations contained within. Football South Australia would like to thank all stakeholders who took part in the workshops and contributed to the formation of the paper.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Carter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Carter

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