

13 March 2019

Governance Committee & Review Committee
FIFA



Dear Sir/Madam,

FIFA Governance Committee & Review Committee – AFC Elections

Professional Footballers Australia (the **PFA**) writes in its capacity as the peak representative body of Australia's footballers and as the largest institutional stakeholder within the Congress of Football Federation Australia (**FFA**).

On 6 April 2019, the Asian Football Confederation (**AFC**) will be conducting its elections for the members of the AFC Executive Committee. In advance of this, the AFC has ratified a number of applicants for the position of AFC President (and FIFA Vice President).

The FIFA Governance Regulations apply to this process, article 66 providing that *"the provisions of this section shall apply to... the confederations... and candidates involved or participating in the elections for the position of vice-president or member of the council"*

Article 72(1) of the FIFA Governance Regulations mandates that the Review Committee shall undertake a *"full eligibility check [of candidates] within 21 days of the respective candidature"*. Further, article 72(3) provides that the Review Committee *"shall pass a decision on the eligibility of the candidate concerned"*.

In line with the Preamble to the FIFA Code of Ethics, FIFA *"bears a special responsibility to safeguard the integrity and reputation of football worldwide"*. To this end, the purpose of this letter is to seek from FIFA, firstly, the reasons in writing for the decision to deem eligible those candidates for the Presidency of the AFC made by the Review Committee pursuant to Article 72(3) and, secondly, that those reasons be made publicly available.

The PFA would seek this information at earliest possible opportunity, but no later than COB on Monday 18 March 2019.

As the largest institutional stakeholder within the Congress of FFA, the PFA must have this information available to it in order to provide its position to the current board of FFA who will be required to vote at the AFC elections on behalf of Australian football.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS AUSTRALIA INC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Didulica', with a blue checkmark to its right.

John Didulica
Chief Executive

cc. FIFPro
FFA