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Dear Mr Dingwall,

Let me please answer your email on behalf of Mr De Vos.

Many thanks for your email and for sharing with us your thoughts.

With regards to your query about the meaning of our letter of 19 June 2020 please kindly note that the FEI fully recognises the autonomy and independence of National Federations in their own country.

In this particular case, regarding the Equestrian Australia (EA) Membership, the FEI has not suggested any specific approach. As autonomous national entity, Equestrian Australia must respect any provision that Australian sport legislation might have in this regard.

The FEI acknowledges that in terms of internal governance and organisation there is no one-size-fits-all solution. National Federations differs one from each other in terms of financial resources, staff, geographical and political distribution, size, number of registered members, numbers of international competitions, etc. For this reason, the FEI's assistance is circumscribed to providing general guidelines and fundamental principles of governance that in any case shall be adapted to each National Federation reality in full respect of the national legal framework.

The FEI shall for these reasons remain neutral and EA members, based on the comprehensive Report by Administrators of 7 July 2020, shall democratically and freely have the right to choose the option that they deem more appropriate to ensure the future of EA in benefit of the whole equestrian community and for the promotion and development of the equestrian sport in Australia.

We hope that we have provided you with an answer to your query.

If you have any other questions do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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