

CHRIS SINCLAIR – Director Nomination Cover Letter

I am standing for re-election as a Director because I believe that with my knowledge, experience and qualifications I can make a significant contribution to the strategic focus and direction of Squash in Australia. I want to help improve the service that Squash Australia provides to the sport and particularly to its Members. We need Directors not only with a strategic focus and business management skills, but also with operational experience at all levels in the squash community, from local to the world level.

1. Governance

I have successfully filled leadership roles across a range of responsibilities in my various roles within Squash.

I am familiar with the role of Directors on Boards. It had been some years since I attended a Company Directors Course, so in 2019 I attended an AICD Governance for NFP Directors Course.

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I have experience with strategic v operational matters as Vice-President of NSW Squash, in my position on the Australian Sports Commission/Sport Australia National Officiating Advisory Group, and in various roles for the WSF. I believe that a Board must ensure that the CEO and staff are performing tasks and implementing policies as directed by the Board and its Members.

I have extensive experience in working cooperatively as part of a team to achieve significant outcomes, including being in teams with members across the world. I am familiar with the rights and responsibilities associated with the “federated model” under which Squash Australia operates.

I have time in my schedule, and the motivation to take on these responsibilities

The years 2017 to 2019 as a Squash Australia Director has introduced me to many different areas within sport in Australia.

2. Sport

From my extensive roles in squash, volunteer roles in netball, and considerable experience working with Sport Australia, I have a detailed understanding of the Australian sporting system covering structure, roles, participation, development pathways and high performance.

3. Skills and Experience

I have skills and experience in government relations working with Sport Australia and the NSW Government, in stakeholder communications and relations across the many interrelated sports bodies and organisations, including those in Squash. I am also familiar with working in a legal environment and, while I don't have formal accounting and finance qualifications, I have worked within budgets and have managed expenditure in my various portfolio areas.

5.4. Working Groups

My squash accreditation and professional career make the Education Working Group the obvious choice for me again. Both coaching and refereeing are essential parts of Squash education. There is still a lot more to be done in this area.

Finally, I believe Directors must:

- Work closely with and for the Members and assist Members in all areas when required.
- Work to ensure resources and financial assistance filter through to Members.
- Make effective use of the huge resource of squash knowledge and experience that exists in the squash community.



(Mrs) Chris Sinclair
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