

Standing Committee Recommendation

To: Chief Executive Officer
From: amateur social and masters standing committee
Date: 28/11/19

Recommendation (provide a detailed description of the recommendation)

That footballwest retract the offer made to South West Phoenix (SWP) of a place in the Belt Up Amateur Premier League for 2020

Describe the Issue or Idea (give a concise description of the issue focussing particularly on the problems that are being experienced)

The committee discussed the idea that SWP lack the sporting merit for a place in the division and due to them resigning a position in State league if they were to re enter the amateur competition they must do so in the bottom division.

It was also discussed that the rules of competition require a process in consultation with the standing committee and this standard was not meant

The counter argument was tabled that;

- No club who earned promotion or avoided relegation was affected
- Should the state league standing committee have selected SWP then we would not even be discussing this as Canning were a relegated club
- The broader effect of a regional area not a side playing at a high level for an extended period of time.

Describe the benefits of Football West implementing the Recommendation

Current member clubs that this committee represent would take their rightful places in order of sporting merit.

Rules of competition would be followed by a consultative process with this committee

List the Clubs or Club Associates that have been consulted in reaching the recommendation

No formal or extensive consultation process with clubs was conducted.

Rob MacKay presented an email from Ellenbrook football club, who are not represented on the committee, asking for him to represent their position. Shaun Little discussed many footballers calling him to express their dissatisfaction with the decision. Campbell Ballantyne as chair had posted on social media asking for feedback, providing his phone number and a venue for a face to face meeting. He was called by a member of a club in the Southern suburbs of Perth (not SWP) but was a previous member of SWP and is from the region. He expressed concerns for his teenage son should the region not have sufficient level football for an extended period of time. A text message conversation with a rep of emerald football club also suggested the decision was ridiculous.

The committee then voted on sending a recommendation to reverse the decision and voted as follows.

yes	No	Absent / abstain
Rob, Caesar, Gary, Jeff, Shaun, Graeme, Jack	Campbell	Luke and Brian both Absent

Prior to the vote the chair asked if any clubs in a league position that could create a conflict of interest that being 3rd or 11th in any division. Campbell Ballantyne declared Curtin were 11th in Div 2. No other member of the committee were involved in a club likely to change divisions as a result.



Signature

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Date

Campbell Ballantyne
Standing Committee Chair