



Australian Calisthenic Federation

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## ACF – THE FUTURE

On Monday 13 November, immediately prior to Cali Victoria's announcement to all states, ACF attended a meeting, where we first learned of Victoria's intent to notify ACF of their decision to resign their affiliation, effective from 27 November 2023.

We humbly apologise that we were not able to avert their decision. Understandably, this is devastating news for our sport. The past few years have proven to be challenging, particularly with the major changes to our structure and identifying the effects COVID has had on many aspects of our lives.

We are committed to working with States in shaping the future of our sport. It is recognised, via recent meetings with States, ACF needs to re-establish a more cohesive and collaborative relationship. A face to face meeting was scheduled for 3 February 2024 and that meeting will now be brought forward to 16-17 December 2023. This meeting will address current concerns and issues and pave the way for future development and a unified approach to addressing what exactly our stakeholders want to commit to.

As the national governing body, we are committed to managing diverse state needs and will continue to consult with stakeholders to deliver national programs.

To reiterate our message regarding Nationals 2024 the ACF Board, together with our member states, aim to build on the excitement experienced with the success of Nationals 2023. We are in the initial planning stages of developing a "new look" national event for 2024. (It is still our objective to return to the traditional nationals in 2025, subject to consultation with all states.) This will be discussed at our forthcoming meeting in December, and we aim to make an announcement soon after this meeting.

We look forward to an exciting future for our sport, nationally.

Liz Kratzel  
ACF Chair

*On behalf of the ACF Board*