

## **Public summary — National Advisory Council meeting**

**21 September 2026**

### **Meeting overview**

The AusCycling National Advisory Council ('NAC') met on 21 September 2026 to provide advice on two matters currently under development: AusCycling's approach to transgender and gender diverse inclusion in cycling, and proposed membership requirements for people participating in activities delivered by AusCycling-affiliated clubs.

In both discussions, the NAC was asked to focus on the practical implications for clubs, volunteers, participants and the broader cycling community.

The NAC is a committee of the AusCycling Board. Its role includes contributing community perspectives and supporting the development, implementation and monitoring of AusCycling's strategy. It provides advice on longer-term and systemic issues rather than managing individual events or local operational matters.

### **Transgender and gender diverse inclusion**

The NAC received an update on work underway to develop AusCycling's approach to transgender and gender diverse inclusion in cycling.

The discussion focused on the policy-development process, including the consultation undertaken to date, the range of legal, sporting and community considerations being examined, and the importance of ensuring that any future approach is clear, practical and capable of being implemented consistently across the sport.

NAC members emphasised the value of thorough consultation and the need to provide clubs and volunteers with appropriate guidance and support once a policy position has been finalised. Members also discussed the importance of clear communication about the process used to develop the policy and the considerations that informed the final approach.

The policy remains under development. Feedback from the NAC will contribute to the next stages of the process before any final position is considered and communicated more broadly.

### **Club membership requirements**

The NAC also considered work underway to review the relationship between AusCycling membership and participation in activities delivered through affiliated clubs.

The discussion focused on the principles that should guide any future approach, including insurance, participant protection, fairness, accessibility and the practical implications for clubs and volunteers. Members emphasised the importance of

understanding how different clubs currently operate before any changes are considered.

The NAC also highlighted the need to assess the potential impact across different club types, disciplines and communities, including regional areas and clubs whose participants may hold memberships with other cycling or sporting organisations. Members supported further work to better understand the prevalence of these arrangements and identify where any future changes could have unintended consequences.

Any future approach should also be straightforward for clubs to administer and supported by appropriate systems, guidance and transition arrangements. The matter remains under development. Further analysis and consultation will be undertaken before any final position is considered or communicated more broadly.