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AFL South East Region Commission is calling for industry feedback after today releasing its Senior Football Competition Review Draft Recommendations.

The draft recommendations summarises feedback received by the review panel after undertaking individual consultation meetings with all senior clubs in the AFL South East region.

Review panel chair and AFL South East Region General Manager John Anderson said that he was very pleased with the way the individual club consultations were conducted.

“Clubs were open, honest and respectful during the process. The draft recommendations has been prepared to incorporate much of the feedback received and recorded during the consultation phase.”

“It was encouraging to hear from a number of clubs during the consultation phase that the Commission should act in the best interests of football in the region.”

“As a Region Commission we have a responsibility to grow and develop the game and it is imperative that any competition structure has the scope to achieve that,” Mr Anderson said.

The draft recommendations provides two options for industry feedback:

- A full divisional structure initially comprising three divisions with promotion/relegation between each.
- A partial divisional structure also comprising three divisions, with a top division then two divisions below based on geography.

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Mr Anderson said the Commission believes the two options are fair and will provide much needed divisional competition between clubs.

“The options not only address the concerns raised by the majority of clubs but they also strike a balance with the competing issues specific to some clubs.

“It is critical that local footy evolves to meet the challenges facing our region – this direction preserves our history and sets up our future.”

“Of prime importance is the ability of our league to attract new clubs to participate in the competition,” he said.

All clubs were asked about the impact on netball during the consultation and a section of the paper has been devoted to issues facing local netball. There was a common thread in the feedback of retaining football and netball together at home games. However, there were a number of issues raised which need to be addressed in the next phase of the review and allowance has been made in the response document for further feedback.

The 14 page paper plus schedules will be sent directly to stakeholders, but will also be available on the AFL South East website,

<http://www.aflsoutheast.com.au/afl-south-east-senior-competition-review>

In accordance with the Review’s Terms of Reference, clubs and other stakeholders have four weeks to respond to the options outlined in the paper. The review panel will consider the feedback before making a final recommendation to the Region Commission. Closing date for responses is Monday 3 July 2017.

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