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Dear ██████████

Athletics Australia wishes to advise the Burnie City Council of the outcome of our consideration of the alleged breach of Athletics Australia's By-Laws by athletes ██████████ and ██████████.

Based on the content of the submission received from ██████████, Athletics Australia is satisfied that there is sufficient evidence for Athletics Australia to find that a breach of By-Laws 2.6 (4) and 2.6 (10) was committed by the athletes, in that ██████████ competed in an Athletics Australia sanctioned event, the 2003 Skilled Burnie 10, under the name of another athlete, ██████████, thereby constituting unsportsmanlike conduct in relation to that event.

In accordance with the Athletics Australia By-Laws, Athletics Australia has suspended the two athletes for a period of 12 months, with such suspension to be deemed to have commenced on Monday 13 October 2003 and to conclude at midnight on Sunday 10 October 2004, thereby incorporating this year's Burnie 10 event.

It is with regret that Athletics Australia has taken this action, however, the breach is a serious breach under the Rules of this sport, particularly given the insurance implications, and is one we are unable to ignore.

In this regard, we draw your attention to the fact that ██████████ cited in his submission a number of instances of similar breaches by participants in the Burnie 10 event. Whilst Athletics Australia is unable to consider these, as in all but one instance ██████████'s references were to unnamed parties and therefore are neither able to be proved or disproved, the submission highlights the necessity for vigilance by event organisers to remove any implications for the event's insurance cover under Athletics Australia's national insurance program.

Athletics Australia would be grateful if the Burnie 10 event would upgrade its attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Simon Allatson
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Mr Gordon Jablonski, Athletics Tasmania
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