

In the initial instance the matter was handled by an independent regional umpiring league without any notification to the AFL. We've got well established processes for dealing with complaints however we acknowledge it has taken longer than we would have liked but we're dealing with it now, which includes offering the relevant support services and avenues to take the matter further if requested.

There are challenges involved when you are working through historical matters in community regional football. We are aligned in that we all want women in our game to feel safe, welcomed and respected. We know we have to get this right. We have put a lot of resources, investment and strategic planning in place to address these issues, and we will not stop until we get this right. Umpiring is really important for us, and we want everyone who has an umpiring career in our game to have a great experience, regardless of the level, league or location.