

2nd December 2009



To all Relevant Parties:

RE: Application to the AFL Victoria Board to hear an appeal by the Victorian Country Football League (VCFL) in regard to the AFL Victoria executive decision to grant Silvan Football Club of the Yarra Valley Mountain District Football League (YVMDFL) a transfer to the Eastern Football League (EFL).

The AFL Victoria Board would like to thank all parties involved for the orderley and professional manner in which they have provided detailed presentations and supporting arguments. The AFL Victoria Board has considered the matter in detail and advise the following.

The Decision

The appeal by the VCFL to the AFL Victoria Board is UPHELD and the transfer of the Silvan Football Club of the YVMDFL to the EFL granted by the AFL Victoria Executive on 6th November 2009 is revoked.

AFL Victoria Board Hearing

The AFL Victoria membership agreement states key objectives under which AFL Victoria and all of its members have agreed to cooperatively act, those include:

- A shared vision for the development of the game
- A coordinated approach amongst all members
- An obligation to facilitate and maintain a network of viable, well managed football clubs across Victoria

Under AFL Victoria regulations in considering the transfer of a club between Members, AFL Victoria in making a determination, will consider all matters relevant but in particular, must consider the following issues:

- The geographic nature of leagues concerned
- League viability
- Community development
- The future growth opportunities to leagues

Summary

The AFL Victoria Board having considered the objectives and all relevant matters above, together with the expressed desire of all parties for an urgent and complete review of football in the Outer Eastern corridor of Melbourne and surrounds, has reached the decision that the Silvan Football Club application to transfer to the EFL from the YVMDFL should be refused.

The AFL Victoria Board will recommend henceforth to the AFL Victoria Executive, VCFL, EFL & YVMDFL that such a review requested by all parties ought to proceed as expeditiously as possible and instructions to that effect will be put in place forthwith.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Grant O'Riley'.

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