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**To:** "<Undisclosed recipients;>"

**Subject:** RE: Football Australia possible data breach

*[This email has been sent to all Association Presidents/Chairs, GMs/CEOs and secretaries/main office contacts]*

Dear Clubs / Associations,

Further to Thursday's correspondence regarding a possible data breach, Football Australia has provided a further update as to the extent of the data exposure.

Contrary to some media coverage, Football Australia has clarified that the exposed credentials did not provide access to information such as domestic participation registration data, competition details, or international player contacts.

Instead, the exposure has been said to relate to certain credentials on Football Australia's FIFA Connect System, which assists FIFA member associations in systematically registering all stakeholders, including players, coaches, and referees.

Football Australia has emphasised that the suggestion community registration platforms were at risk is misleading and the investigation of the alleged data breach remains ongoing.

In any case, Football NSW will continue to liaise with Football Australia to understand the full extent of the exposure, including any direct or indirect implications on Football NSW stakeholders.

Regards, Aaron



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**Subject:** Football Australia possible data breach

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Dear Associations,

Please find attached correspondence from Football NSW CEO John Tsatsimas regarding the possible Football Australia data breach.

[Football Australia's statement can be viewed here.](#)

Regards, Aaron