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Credentials Committee
World Triathlon
Maison du Sport International
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Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of Paralympics Australia, we write offering our endorsement of Michelle Cooper for the position of President, World Triathlon. Michelle's extensive experience and dedication to the sport, coupled with her significant contributions as President of AusTriathlon, President of Oceania Triathlon and Executive Board Member of World Triathlon along with her other roles and experience, make her an exceptional candidate for this role.

Michelle has been an active member of the Paralympic movement in Australia during her five year tenure as President of AusTriathlon. Most recently she contributed to Paralympics Australia's strategic planning process demonstrating her leadership and strategic vision.

We believe that Michelle's experience with AusTriathlon provides an understanding of a key National Federation, but also provides a deep understanding of the complexity of a geographically challenging region and the difficulties that smaller, less well-resourced National Federations face. This knowledge can be applied to assist in building opportunities for many of World Triathlon's membership of smaller nations. Her contribution as an Executive Board Member of World Triathlon also ensures she has a strong understanding of the current and future needs of this important International Federation.

Michelle has been a tireless supporter and advocate of Para-athletes and Para-triathlon. Chairing the AusTriathlon Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group, Michelle has actively worked to create inclusive environments and opportunities for para-athletes, ensuring they receive the recognition and resources they deserve. We support Michelle's vision to grow high performance events for our athletes in Australian and globally.

We strongly endorse Michelle Cooper for the position of President of World Triathlon given her qualifications and her demonstrated commitment to the triathlon community. We are confident that under her leadership, World Triathlon will continue to thrive, fostering a culture of excellence, inclusivity, and growth.

Sincerely

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Alison Creagh AM CSC
President, Paralympics Australia

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Cameron Murray
Interim CEO, Paralympics Australia