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Our ref: NC – M/HW

Mr Ian McPhee PSM  
Auditor-General for Australia  
Australian National Audit Office  
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Dear Auditor General

**RE: Request for audit of FIFA World Cup bid**

I am writing to you following recent media reports relating to corruption within FIFA, and in particular to the alleged theft of \$500,000 from Football Federation Australia (FFA) by former FIFA executive Jack Warner in 2010.

I note that the FFA has stated that they believed the money was a genuine payment to FIFA, and that it came from their own funds and was not money from Australian taxpayers.

I have no evidence to doubt that this payment was made in good faith by the FFA. I am concerned, however, that it raises serious questions of governance on the part of the FFA, which in turn may bring into question whether some \$42.25 million in taxpayer funds allocated for the 2022 World Cup bid were used appropriately.

I would be grateful if you could conduct an inquiry into this issue as a matter of urgency. For your reference, I have attached letters I have sent to the AFP and the Attorney-General of the United States on this issue, and I would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this with you further.

Yours sincerely

  
**NICK XENOPHON**

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