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SCIENTIFIC MEETING

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THE TOPIC: CONTACT SPORT: WATCH YOUR HEAD

SPEAKERS: DR ARTHUR SHORES
MR ALAN SULLIVAN, QC

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DR MICHAEL DIAMOND: Thank you Arthur. We will hold questions until the end of the other presentation.

It is now my pleasure to welcome Mr Alan Sullivan QC. Alan graduated BA at the Australian National University in 1973. He graduated LLB from the same University and was admitted as a lawyer in 1975. He was admitted to the NSW Bar in 1977 and was appointed Queen's Counsel NSW in 1990. He practices in many areas, including Commercial Law, Equity, Insurance Law, Medical and Professional Negligence Law and Sports Law. It is in the arena of the Sports Law that we are particularly interested this evening.

Alan has held some very interesting appointments. He has been Chairman of New South Wales Rugby League Judiciary and the Australian Rugby League Judiciary from 1994 to 1998. He has been Commissioner, Code of Behaviour Australian Cricket Board from 1988 to 2000, when I believe some of the greatest sledges in cricketing history were ever thought about and are legendary to this day - you might recall some.

Alan was involved in the Olympic Games of 2000 (advocate for the British Olympic team), and in 2008 and 2012 (as a member of an ad hoc panel of the Court of Arbitration for Sports to adjudicate Disputes at the Olympics).

He is presently Deputy Senior Commissioner Cricket Australia - Code of Behaviour and also a Member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport. He is President of the Appeals Committee of the Football Federation of Australia and I think all of those appointments make him a uniquely qualified person to comment on these issues and to provide us with the legal perspective to do with head injuries.