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**To Whom It May Concern**

As Chief Medical Officer of the International Rugby Board (IRB) I am conscious that the number one medical risk within all sports is concussion. The IRB takes player welfare seriously and has developed a concussion risk management plan that addresses concussion prevention, education/awareness, management and research.

The IRB encourages member Unions to adopt a similar risk management approach.

I have reviewed the protocols of Sports Concussion South Africa and can confirm that they are of the highest international standard. I am proud to endorse this innovative work as it is leading the field in concussion awareness and management throughout the community Rugby world.

If verbal confirmation of my support is required please do not hesitate to contact me on +61 418 610 795.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr M Raftery', is written in a cursive style.

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