

CHRIS NIKOU.. «THE FOOTBALL COMMUNITY INCLUDING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LOYAL FANS OF THE MATILDAS DESERVE ANSWERS»



FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS AUSTRALIA (FSA) HAS BECOME THE LATEST ADVOCACY GROUP TO CALL FOR "GREATER TRANSPARENCY" REGARDING THE SACKING OF FORMER MATILDAS COACH, ALLEN STAJCIC.

Stajcic - who vies with Asian Cup-winning Tom Sermanni for the title of being the Matildas' most historically successful coach - was controversially sacked after an FFA board meeting amid allegations of a toxic culture among the playing group. **The sacking** comes just months before the Matildas 2019 World Cup campaign, where the sixth-ranked side are one of the pre-tournament favourites. It also comes

during Australia's bid to host the 2023 Women's World Cup. **"We believe** there needs to be a proper independent investigation and an open report of findings of the relevant processes followed, including the roles of staff and board members in the lead up to and during this crisis," an FSA statement read. **"At risk** is the credibility of the FFA Board, and critically the ongoing management and operations of the women's game in Australia. **"The coaching** situation is an unneeded distraction, and potentially undermines the campaign of the Matildas for the Women's World Cup at France 2019 where the player's focus is critical. **"The football** community including tens

of thousands of loyal fans of the Matildas deserve detailed answers and solutions to restore confidence across all relevant stakeholders." **FFA Chairman,** Chris Nikou, recently broke his silence on Stajcic's sacking, justifying the board decision while maintaining that he was unable to provide exact reasons for the coach's departure. **"I think** you'll appreciate that my hands are tied to a certain extent about what I can and can't say about what's occurred," Nikou said. **"This was** not a decision taken lightly. **"It was** after due consideration in consultation with the management team based in part on surveys but based in part on other information before the board."

A-LEAGUE Results 16 Round

Adelaide United-Central Coast Mariners 2-1
Melbourne Victory-Sydney FC 2-1
Wellington Phoenix- Melbourne City 1-0
Brisbane Roar-WS Wanderers 2-2



A-LEAGUE Table 16 Round

	Team	GP	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-
1	Perth Glory	16	37	11	4	1	33	16	17
2	Melbourne Victory	16	33	10	3	3	36	19	17
3	Sydney FC	16	32	10	2	4	29	19	10
4	Melbourne City	16	27	8	3	5	21	16	5
5	Adelaide United	16	26	7	5	4	21	17	4
6	Wellington Phoenix	16	26	7	5	4	24	21	3
7	Newcastle Jets	16	15	4	3	9	15	22	-7
8	WS Wanderers	16	10	2	4	10	23	35	-12
9	Brisbane Roar	16	9	1	6	9	18	34	-16
10	Central Coast Mariners	16	6	1	3	12	16	37	-21

A-LEAGUE 17 Round

DATE	HOME	AWAY	VENUE	Kick-Off (AEDT)
Friday, 1 February 2019	Western Sydney Wanderers FC	Newcastle Jets	ANZ Stadium	7:50PM
Saturday, 2 February 2019	Central Coast Mariners	Melbourne Victory	Central Coast Stadium	5:35PM
Saturday, 2 February 2019	Adelaide United	Brisbane Roar FC	Coopers Stadium	7:50PM
Saturday, 2 February 2019	Perth Glory	Wellington Phoenix	nib Stadium	10:00PM
Sunday, 3 February 2019	Sydney FC	Melbourne City FC	Jubilee Stadium	5:00PM

FRIENDLY GAME

SUNDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2019

SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE



SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC

SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC

TIME/18:30