## <u>AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2019 ASIA-PACIFIC WILDCARD PLAY-OFF</u> (27 NOVEMBER – 02 DECEMBER 2018)

Dear National Federations,

Tennis Australia is pleased to announce the Australian Open 2019 Asia-Pacific Wildcard Play-off and Junior Asia-Pacific Wildcard Play-off (27 November – 2 December 2018). This is the seventh year of the event and it provides a great opportunity for players from the Asia-Pacific region to win a wildcard and participate in the main draw of Australian Open 2019 in Melbourne!

I am pleased to announce that the event will be staged for the third consecutive year in Zhuhai and be hosted at the world class Hengqin International Tennis Center. The venue plays host to the WTA Elite Trophy and also a number of Challenger and ITF events each year. Zhuhai is located in Guangdong Province in Southern China and is easily accessible from airports in mainland China, as well as Hong Kong, Macau and Guangzhou.

I kindly ask that you circulate this information to all players eligible to participate.

The fact sheets for each of the events and entry forms will be circulated in due course. It will contain further information to assist your travel plans to Zhuhai.

Entry will then open for players from the region with a Men's Singles ranking of 105+ and a Women's Singles ranking of 109+. Juniors' players with a ranking of 100+ are eligible to enter.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in providing these opportunities to your players.

We look forward to another great event!

Kind regards,

Isabelle Gemmel – Tournament Director