



Greg Aplin MP
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SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE BOOM

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today announced a huge boost for sports facilities in the region after the NSW Government announced it would invest \$100 million in new and existing sports infrastructure across regional NSW.

Mr Aplin said the Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund, which is part of the Deputy Premier's \$1.3 billion Regional Growth Fund, will go towards improving the quality and quantity of sports venues in regional areas.

"Sport is central to the lives of so many people living in our region," Mr Aplin said.

"This fund will go towards sports projects that will benefit the whole community, by encouraging participation and developing facilities that will allow the region to host major sporting events.

"We are looking for projects that will not only improve the playing experience, but the fan experience.

"This could be an indoor sports centre, a football field or a multi-purpose complex with change rooms and a cafeteria.

"This fund provides a more streamlined and responsive approach to investment in NSW, and I will work with the local government and sporting groups to identify projects that will benefit the area and help develop business cases to secure funding," he said.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro said the Regional Sport Infrastructure Fund will build upon the investments already being made in regional areas.

"Sport is integral to building our sense of community," Mr Barilaro said.

"The NSW Government wants to ensure regional communities are vibrant, strong and cohesive places to live, and sport is central to achieving that.

"So many of our sports stars were born and raised in regional NSW, and I want to make sure our country kids continue to have the opportunity and facilities they deserve.

"Sport is also a significant economic driver, attracting investment and creating new jobs.

"Both amateur and professional sport events boost visitation and encouraging spending in the local community, which ultimately creates employment and a more vibrant economy.

"In the coming weeks, I will be travelling around regional NSW to explain how the Regional Sport Infrastructure Fund can benefit regional NSW and I look forward to hearing the ideas of local communities, local government and community members," he said.

Further information and program guidelines are available at
www.nsw.gov.au/regionalsportinfrastructure

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