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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON RIVERINA MURRAY REGIONAL SPORT PLAN**

Community members and sporting groups across the electorate are invited to have their say on key local strategies developed to improve the delivery and planning of grassroots local sport over the next five years.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin said the plans will assist grass roots sport participation across the region by providing targeted sports program and facility development for all community members to enjoy.

“This is a great opportunity for locals to have a say, and I encourage everyone to view their plans and give feedback on what they would like to see prioritised,” Mr Aplin said. Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro said the plans draw on concepts developed by the Australian Sports Commission.

“This is an important first step in the process of gathering community feedback to ensure that we invest in the right mix of sports facilities to meet the needs of unique communities,” Mr Barilaro said.

“Nine Sport and Active Recreation plans have been developed with 30 - 40 strategies, inclusive of proposed initiatives specific to each of the regional areas.

“The plans will support participation across the state, through improving accessibility to sports facilities and ovals and supporting programs that foster community involvement.

“Plans have been developed for the Riverina Murray, the Central West and Orana, New England/North West, Far West, North Coast, Hunter, Central Coast, Illawarra Shoalhaven and South East and Tablelands.”

Minister for Sport, Stuart Ayres said key proposals in the plans like the ‘stay in your sport’ coach education program will encourage promising your stars to continue with their chosen sport.

“We are also looking to attract more valued sporting events to regional NSW, plan female-friendly sporting facilities and establish hubs to support multi-purpose sports.”

Feedback is invited by Thursday 19 July 2018 at the Office of Sport website:

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/regionalplans>

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