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### **BACKING SPORTING EQUALITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Women and girls across NSW will have access to more inclusive sporting facilities, thanks to the NSW Government's \$25 million Female Friendly Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Program.

Premier Dominic Perrottet said 94 community sport facilities are set to be transformed, delivering female-friendly change rooms, amenities and lighting upgrades, which is one of the biggest barriers that prevent women and girls from playing sport.

"The NSW Liberal and Nationals Government recognises the critical role local sport infrastructure plays in keeping our communities healthy and active," Mr Perrottet said.

"Community sport is where it all begins, and by investing in our local communities to help boost female participation, we will ensure any young girl or woman who wants to shoot a hoop, score a try or kick a goal, can do so in a supportive environment."

Treasurer Matt Kean said since 2017 the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government has committed more than \$1 billion to deliver new and upgraded community sport facilities.

"Women's sport is booming in NSW and this program will deliver the facilities women and girls need and deserve," Mr Kean said.

"This groundbreaking program will level the playing field by improving facilities that for decades have been predominately used by men, but now cater for a growing number of women's and girls' sporting teams."

Minister for Sport Alister Henskens said major events including the recent FIBA Women's World Cup and upcoming FIFA Women's World Cup are creating enormous excitement and inspiring the next generation of female sporting stars.

"Whether it's on the court, field or track, we continue to be inspired by our homegrown talent like Ellyse Perry, Lauren Jackson, and Madison de Rozario who are captivating the nation with their extraordinary athleticism and passion," Mr Henskens said.

"The Liberal and Nationals Government's investment in community sport infrastructure is improving facilities for women and girls, and boosting female participation in sport, in line with our Her Sport Her Way strategy."

Minister for Women Bronnie Taylor said we know that when women and girls feel comfortable, they are more likely to stick with their chosen sport.

“Some of the biggest barriers faced by women and girls are the lack of female change rooms and amenities,” Mrs Taylor said.

“I am so thrilled that more than 90 projects will be funded through this program, with more than half of those in our regional communities. This means more women and girls in the bush will have equal opportunity to play their favourite sport.”

More information about the program and the list of successful recipients is available [online](#).

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