

# A Level Playing Field

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**Sport is a rare unifying force that bridges the class, distance, religion, ethnicity, political affiliation and gender divide. A level playing field enriches our community as a whole.**

**Sport attracts all sectors of the community, and the whole community should benefit equally.**

**Participation in women's cricket and football is growing, and that must be recognised and supported at equal levels as their male counterparts by government.**

**The Greens will level the playing field, allowing women in professional and community sport to be given the same opportunity to excel.**

**We will also fund regional and community sport programs, to support community cohesion, social and health benefits, and employment opportunities.**

## THE GREENS WILL

- ▲ **Fund the State's contribution upgrading sportsgrounds to be accessible and female friendly.**
- ▲ **Match the funding going to the State men's cricket team for the women's team.**
- ▲ **Provide \$250,000 a year to the Hurricanes Foundation to boost their community sports program.**

## FEMALE FRIENDLY FACILITIES

A society that values women as equal must provide equal opportunities in every workplace - including on the playing field.

The health and social benefits of sport should be available to women and girls, just as they are to boys and men.

Many of the State's female-unfriendly sports venues were built before the huge growth in women's sport.

For too long, women and girls have had to endure sports facilities not fit for purpose.

The Greens would invest \$15 million over four years in Tasmania's social infrastructure, to modernise facilities, as called for by Cricket Tasmania and AFL Tasmania.

Capital works will be carried out to Cricket Australia standard, which direct fully accessible, *Disability Discrimination Act* compliant facilities.

Our investment will let women and girls know they are valued as equals on the field, and encourage greater participation in sport, and ensure people of all abilities can access the State's sports grounds.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE PARITY

The success of the men's Hobart Hurricanes' side shows Tasmanian teams can compete in high-level national competitions and they will be backed to the hilt by the locals.

The Hurricanes women's side has not seen the same success on the field as their male counterparts. This stems, partially, from the lack of government funds invested in women's cricket.

Tasmanian cricket needs the commitment from government in women's high performance. An equal investment will help boost the performance of Tasmania's women's teams.

The Greens will match the funding provided to men's cricket – currently \$500,000 through the Icon Program.

Women's sport is at the crest of a wave and now is the time government should be investing equally to see it succeed into the future.

## HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Sport plays a central unifying role in our largely decentralised community. Sporting clubs are important community hubs, especially in Tasmania's regional areas.

Community sports clubs have a positive influence on health, social and employment outcomes. They provide opportunities for mentoring and growth that may not otherwise be available.

Sport is also an important part of the State's multicultural communities, creating a space for new Tasmanians to come together, enjoy healthy activity and create connections and opportunities.

The Greens will provide \$250,000 a year to the Hurricanes Foundation to boost their already successful:

- ▲ Health and wellbeing program
- ▲ Regional school and community club visits
- ▲ Breakfast club program
- ▲ Sponsorship of the Hurricanes Indigenous Development Squad
- ▲ Partnership with between the Hobart Hurricanes and the Intercultural Sports League

## INITIATIVE COST

| Initiative Investment (\$m)   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Year | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year | 4 <sup>th</sup> Year |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Female Friendly facilities    | 0.00                 | 5.00                 | 5.00                 | 5.00                 |
| Equal Icon funding for women  | 0.50                 | 0.50                 | 0.50                 | 0.50                 |
| Hurricanes Foundation funding | 0.25                 | 0.25                 | 0.25                 | 0.25                 |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>0.75</b>          | <b>5.75</b>          | <b>5.75</b>          | <b>5.75</b>          |