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Mr Tony Harris
Acting Parliamentary Budget Officer
NSW Parliament
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

4.30pm

Dear Mr Harris

I am writing to you to formally request, under Part 4 (Election policy costings) of the Parliamentary Budget Officer Act 2010, an official costing for the following announced policy documents:

- *An Active NSW*
- *Better Public Transport*
- *Bringing tourism and major events to NSW*
- *Championing childhood- A better start for our kids*
- *Celebrating our volunteers*
- *Protecting Jobs*

These policy documents outline our ongoing commitments in key areas of government.

Please find attached a copy of these policies outlining the purpose of the policy and relevant details required to complete the costing as per the requirements of the Act.

Should you require any further information on this request, please contact my office on (02) 9228-5239.

Yours sincerely

Kristina Keneally
Premier of NSW
Leader of NSW Labor Party





An active NSW

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An Active NSW

Labor recognises the importance of sport in building stronger, healthier and more inclusive communities. Sport empowers, inspires and motivates. Importantly, it also brings people and communities together.

That's why we have and will continue to build on the support and investment we have made to our sporting facilities and clubs across the State.

Building on the venue legacy of the 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Labor Government has invested a record \$306 million into sporting facilities across the State.

This means fans across the State will enjoy their sporting teams in world class facilities.

We have delivered significant upgrades to such as the Energy Australia Stadium in Newcastle, the WIN Stadium in Wollongong, the Blue Tongue Stadium in Gosford and the NRL stadiums in Penrith, Parramatta and Campbelltown and the AFL and cricket centre of excellence in Blacktown.

Labor's Plan will continue this investment, delivering new state-of-the-art netball facilities at Sydney Olympic Park, and we will invest in hockey training fields in Parkes, Tamworth, Sutherland, Macarthur, Blacktown, Moorebank and Pennant Hills.



Labor also recognises the important role that local grassroots sporting organisations play in bringing sport to our communities. That's why we will continue to provide ongoing funding for our sports grants program. A program which last year alone delivered more than \$21 million to more than 870 local grassroots projects across the State.

We will also equip our surf life savers with the best possible resources to keep our beautiful beaches safe for all to enjoy.

Through these initiatives we will continue to ensure NSW is a great place to live and play.

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What this policy means for our community

We know that sporting clubs need state of the art facilities for training and competing.

The new state-of-the-art netball facilities at Sydney Olympic Park and hockey facilities across metropolitan Sydney will mean that these sports can continue to grow and be enjoyed.

This will be the biggest investment in netball in Australian history.

Our ongoing commitment to surf life saving in NSW will see our dedicated volunteers equipped with the most up to date rescue equipment and ensure our clubs are able to flourish by providing them with the best possible local headquarters.

Continued support for local sporting groups will mean that communities across the State will continue to stay healthy and enjoy their favourite sport.

In NSW, there are 107,580 registered members with numbers continuing to grow each year with 111 registered associations.

ACTION:

Supporting Netball's Growing Numbers

- Invest \$27 million to build a new state of the art netball facility at Sydney Olympic Park to meet the demands of its growing membership base and the hosting requirements of our bid for the 2015 World Netball Championships.
- Allocate \$5 million in this financial year to start work immediately on this state of the art netball centre.

Providing Better Playing Fields for Hockey

- Invest \$5.1 million to develop and upgrade a number of hockey fields throughout Sydney, including in Sutherland Shire, Macarthur, Blacktown, Moorebank and Pennant Hills.
- Invest \$400,000 to construct two regional hockey facilities in Parkes and Tamworth.

Supporting Our Surf Lifesavers

- Invest an additional \$6 million over the next three years to enable local surf life saving clubs along the NSW coastline to upgrade facilities to keep our beaches safe.

Our Record

LABOR

- \$306 million to upgrade sporting infrastructure for top level sporting clubs
- \$29.5 million towards the development of more than 1300 local and regional sport and recreation facilities
- \$1.65 million on more than 230 not-for-profit and local government programs that seek to increase regular and ongoing participation opportunities
- \$1 million directed to more than 280 programs that improve opportunities for people with a disability to participate in sport and physical activity
- \$1.6 million in funding to enhance sport and athlete development opportunities for clubs, coaches and officials

OPPOSITION

- The Coalition's silence is deafening when it comes to Sport in NSW
- The Coalition has decided to demolish the Sports Portfolio
- The Coalition has no policy to support grassroots sport or our elite athletes.

Our Record

The NSW Government under Labor has invested a record \$306 million to upgrade sporting infrastructure for top level sporting clubs. No Government in our State's history has invested more in sport than the NSW Labor Government.

After delivering the best ever Olympics, we set out to revitalise sporting facilities regional NSW and Western Sydney.

Over the last 10 years the NSW Labor Government has invested more than \$93 million to transform Energy Australia Stadium in Newcastle into a start-of-the art facility - one which Knights and Jets fans will enjoy for decades to come.

At WIN Stadium, we have invested more than \$32 million to build a new western grandstand ensuring local fans can continue to cheer on their beloved St George-Illawarra Dragons in Wollongong.

On the Central Coast, the NSW Labor Government contributed \$12 million towards the construction of Blue Tongue Stadium in Gosford - support that enabled the facility to host 2003 Rugby World Cup matches and provided a top class base for the Central Coast Mariners and any future local NRL team.

The NSW Labor Government has also ensured traditional stadiums in Western Sydney remained first rate major sporting and event venues, at a time where other capital cities were closing down their suburban facilities.

More than \$40 million has been invested to upgrade NRL stadiums in Penrith, Parramatta and Campbelltown and create an AFL and cricket centre of excellence in Blacktown.

Similarly \$25 million has been spent to upgrade Kogarah Oval from a suburban ground into a premier sporting arena.

On top of this support, the NSW Labor Government has contributed \$27 million towards the construction of the Victor Trumper Stand at the Sydney Cricket Ground - an investment that ensures the SCG remains one of the world's most iconic sporting venues.

At Sydney Olympic Park \$45 million is also being invested to consolidate the future of the Sydney Showground as a long-term AFL stadium and major multi-purpose venue.

We believe regardless of where people live you should have access to viable sporting clubs and quality sporting infrastructure. That's why we have a grants program which provides targeted funding for rural, regional, and disadvantaged communities.

We're determined to ensure people with a disability enjoy the same benefits as everyone else when it comes to sport and recreational opportunities in NSW and we'll continue to provide specific funding to reduce barriers for people with a disability to participate in sport and structured physical activity.

That's why our initiatives in recent years have been significant. Most recently we allocated:

- \$29.5 million towards the development of more than 1300 local and regional sport and recreation facilities;
- \$1.65 million on more than 230 not-for-profit and local government programs that seek to increase regular and ongoing participation opportunities;
- \$1 million directed to more than 280 programs that improve opportunities for people with a disability to participate in sport and physical activity; and
- \$1.6 million in funding to enhance sport and athlete development opportunities for clubs, coaches and officials.

Challenges

Sport brings communities together, keeps our bodies fit and our minds healthy.

Yet like any activity, encouraging people to get interested and excited and active in sport is sometimes a challenge.

The Keneally Government also understand that in order for our elite sporting clubs to run effectively, and for fans to enjoy their spectator experience, venues need ongoing support and funding.

That is why we have continued to deliver funding for local sporting organisations and have invested in significant upgrades for stadiums and other sporting facilities across the State.

Supporting netball's growing numbers

Netball is the largest participation sport for women in NSW. There are over 109,000 netballers in NSW taking to local netball courts each weekend.

The growth of the sport has put significant pressure on the current facilities available for netball, and the sport has outgrown its current residence at the Anne Clark Centre in Lidcombe.

That is why the Labor Government has committed to delivering \$27 million to build a new state-of-the-art netball centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

This brand new facility will be a hub for netball and will house:

- Six new state-of-the-art timber sprung floor courts;
- An elite netball "show court" with retractable seating for 850 spectators;
- Headquarters for Netball NSW and merchandise shop;
- Multi-purpose meeting/function room for up to 150 people;
- Gymnasium and Sports Science facilities;
- Physiotherapy and recovery centre;
- Player change rooms; and
- The NSW Netball Hall of Fame.

ACTION:

- Build a new state of the art netball facility at Sydney Olympic Park to meet the needs of its growing membership base as well as the hosting requirements for the 2015 World Netball Championships bid

Providing better playing fields for hockey

Labor also recognises the strong growth of hockey in NSW.

In recent years the growth of the sport has meant that the available hockey fields are at capacity, and more synthetic pitches are needed to keep up with the growth of the sport.

Labor will provide \$5.5 million for the development of new hockey fields across the Greater Sydney region. This investment accounts for a 30% increase in facilities for this growth area alone.

A re-elected Labor Government will upgrade the following fields:

- Parkes
- Tamworth
- Sutherland
- Macarthur
- Blacktown
- Moorebank
- Pennant Hills

These improvements will not only enable more people to participate for longer playing hours but will also underpin the long term growth and future of the sport.

ACTION:

- Invest \$5.1 million to develop and upgrade a number of hockey fields throughout Sydney, including in Sutherland Shire, Macarthur, Blacktown, Moorebank and Pennant Hills
- Invest \$400,000 to construct two regional hockey facilities in Parkes and Tamworth

Supporting our surf life savers

In New South Wales, surf life savers volunteer in excess of 628,000 hours each year patrolling the beaches along our coastline.

The work that surf life savers do to make our beaches a safer place to swim cannot be underestimated. Last year they performed close to 6,000 rescues and provided 30,000 people with first aid.

Labor recognises the contribution Surf Life Saving NSW makes to the community.

That is why we have provided \$12 million over the last six years to upgrade facilities at more than 55 surf lifesaving clubs across NSW including Caves beach, Tathra and South Maroubra.

Following the success of this program, Labor will commit to providing a further \$6 million over the next three years, under the Surf Club Facility Development Program.

This commitment will ensure that funding continues for the enhancement of facilities at local surf lifesaving clubs for the benefit of club members, the public and local community groups that access the facilities.

This is in addition to the \$1.7 million granted annually from our Labor Government to Surf Life Saving NSW for safety and rescue services. This

ACTION:

- Continue to support local surf life saving clubs along the NSW coastline with funding to upgrade facilities to keep our beaches safe



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