

# Levelling the Playing Field



## A MAJORITY HODGMAN LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Invest \$10 million to improve sporting facilities for girls & women
- Competitive grants from \$15,000 up to \$1 million
- Priority for building or upgrading football and cricket facilities
- Boost girls and women's sports participation



## Invest in Health

### Levelling the Playing Field

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will invest \$10 million over two years into upgrading sports facilities for girls and women.

We will create a new Levelling the Playing Field Grant Program targeted at improving girls and women's access to facilities, with priority given to facilities used for football and cricket across Tasmania.

Applications with matching dollar-for-dollar funding from facility owners, such as councils, and those with additional co-funding from the relevant sporting codes, such as AFL Tasmania and Cricket Tasmania, will also be looked at more favourably.

This will level the playing field for girls and women, providing for appropriate change rooms, lockers, toilets, shower facilities and amenities for female officials, coaches and volunteers.

The competitive grant program will provide for a minimum funding amount of \$15,000 and a maximum funding amount of \$1 million per project.

This is to provide for both the building of new facilities and the upgrading of existing facilities at grounds across the state.

The grants will be available to incorporated and not-for-profit sporting organisations, and local governments.

The grants program will be open for application immediately from April 2018, with two funding rounds to be available over two years.

After two years, we will review the grant program and consider the next step in delivering the best outcomes for girls and women's participation.

### Why Tasmania Needs This

Girls and women's participation particularly in football and cricket has exploded in Tasmania in recent years.

AFL Tasmania reported a 30 per cent increase in female participation in 2017, compared to 2016.

While Cricket Tasmania reported a 26 per cent increase in female participation in 2016-17, compared to the previous year.

### Our Targets

**#22** Reduce Tasmania's rate of obesity to below the national average by 2025.

### Continuing Targets

To have the healthiest population by 2025.

For the full list of our Targets: [www.buildingyourfuture.com.au](http://www.buildingyourfuture.com.au)

## Tasmanian Liberals' Plan

The Hodgman Liberal Government is a proud supporter of girls and women's sport, and is committed to seeing continued growth in participation.

That is why we invested \$2.76 million over five years to establish the North Melbourne Tasmanian Kangaroos in the AFLW.

This deal not only brings top-level women's football to Tasmania, but creates a clear pathway for our rising stars to enter the national league. [Continued over the page.....](#)



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It is clear that the fast emergence of the AFLW and the success of the Australian Women's Cricket Team is inspiring the next generation.

Sadly, the facilities available to our female athletes have failed to keep pace with this change.

Female facilities are largely out-of-date and can often prove a barrier to participation.

It is about time that our sports facilities reflected the new era of sport, Tasmanian girls and women deserve a level playing field.

Audits conducted by AFL Tasmania and Cricket Australia found that about 80 per cent of their facilities failed to be female friendly.

We owe it to Tasmanian girls and women to give them the same opportunities as our boys and men, to ensure they have a sporting chance to succeed in their chosen sport.

This investment will also support and create jobs, with millions in work, from design and planning to construction and renovation, to be undertaken at sports facilities across the state.

### Cost

The cost of our investment is \$10 million. That's \$5 million each year for two years.

### Labor Green Record

Labor did nothing in Government for 16 years to address this issue, and has promised only \$1.6 million a year for three years.

## Tasmanian Liberals' Plan

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Broadly, we are committed to addressing barriers to participation as we strive to make Tasmania the healthiest State by 2025.

As part of our five year Healthy Tasmania Strategy, we are committed to reduce Tasmania's rate of obesity to below the national average by 2025.

Removing barriers to increased participation in sport will help to achieve that.

## Key Facts

There are more than 20,700 women and girls currently playing cricket and AFL in Tasmania.

They are playing in 43 clubs and schools across the state.

Tasmania has gone from six junior, youth girls' and seniors' football teams in 2015 to 62 teams in 2017.