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WA Liberals commit \$37.5 million toward a new indoor court stadium for Perth

- A Mettam Liberal Government will invest \$37.5m to build a new 12 court indoor multi-sport stadium at Kensington.
- Following a petition from over 10,000 people, there is strong community support for this project.
- Currently more than 50 different venues are being used to run basketball and volleyball competitions by local clubs.

A Mettam Liberal Government has today committed \$37.5 million to develop a new 12 court indoor multi-sport stadium in Kensington, which will be home to – and managed by – the Perth Basketball Association (the Redbacks) and home to the Perth Reds Volleyball Association.

This regional-level facility would service basketball, volleyball, netball, badminton and many other sports and would become the largest indoor court facility in Western Australia, servicing a significant amount of the Perth metropolitan population.

“A Mettam Liberal Government will commit land and \$37.5 million to a new multi-sport stadium in Kensington will provide the Redbacks and Reds with a desperately needed home venue,” said Bronwyn Waugh, WA Liberal Candidate for South Perth.

“With half the total funding on the table thanks to the WA Liberals, this is a big win for the residents of South Perth who’ve waited too long for the community facilities they desperately need.

“Between the Redbacks and the Reds, they use more than 50 different venues to run programs and competitions, because of the under-investment in community sports.

“Kids shouldn’t have to sit on waitlists to play sport, and members of all ages deserve accessible facilities close to home, to play the sports they love.”

The State Government recently announced \$2 million for planning of a new indoor facility, and we believe that the Kensington site is the most suitable, central and accessible location to solve the desperate need for a new indoor facility in the inner-south. The residents of South Perth and surrounding areas have waited far too long for the adequate sporting facilities they deserve.

In addition to use by the Redbacks and the Reds and many other indoor sporting groups, it will serve to benefit Curtin University, Como Secondary College, Kent Street Senior High School, other local primary and secondary schools and other community groups.

“Bronwyn’s advocacy shows what real, and effective local representation looks like,” said Ms Mettam, WA Liberal Leader.

“We stand with 10,000 petitioners and the local community who think the Kensington site represents an amazing opportunity for South Perth and the wider community.

“The WA Liberals are proud to, once again, show local leadership in the project that we believe in and in a site that accommodates the needs of the community.

“Our Building a Better Future blueprint makes it clear that health is a top priority, which is why we are serious about investing to support the physical and mental health of our community by giving kids and adults the best opportunity to stay fit, active, and connected through sport.”

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