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RIVERSTONE TO BECOME FOOTBALL CAPITAL OF THE WEST

Minister for Sport and Recreation Graham Annesley today reaffirmed the NSW Government's \$5 million commitment to Football NSW and its visionary sporting precinct for Western Sydney.

"In February this year the now Premier and Minister for Western Sydney, Barry O'Farrell, and newly elected Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly made an iron clad commitment to invest \$5 million to the Riverstone Football and Community Sporting Precinct," Mr Annesley said.

"Whilst there are a number of aspects of the Federal Budget that are anything but generous, I am pleased that the Federal Government has also decided to commit funds in supporting this unique sporting infrastructure for the people of Riverstone and Western Sydney," he said.

Mr Conolly stated the Premier has said on numerous occasions that we will honour our election commitments.

"We are looking forward to working very closely with Football NSW to expedite this important project for Western Sydney, to create a show piece sporting precinct that will be the envy of all," Mr Conolly said.

Details of the Football NSW proposal are that they intend to build a \$70 million state of the art sporting complex in Riverstone.

The complex will include:

- A minimum of 9 purpose built football pitches, with the ability to expand to 15 fields in the future
- A boutique stadium venue with a capacity of approximately 3,000 spectators
- Indoor swimming pool
- Multi-purpose indoor sporting centre with two international sized Futsal courts.
- Lecture Rooms
- Physiotherapy and sports medicine centre
- Gymnasium
- Football NSW offices
- Licensed club and function centre
- Hotel accommodation
- Private Football College

"The O'Farrell NSW Government is committed to making NSW number one again and ensuring the people of Western Sydney are never again neglected," Mr Annesley said.