



The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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FUNDING BOOST FOR NSW SPORTS FEDERATION

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, announced the NSW Liberals and Nationals Government will double its core annual funding to the State's peak industry body for sport.

Mr Annesley said the Government has allocated \$360,000 over three years to the NSW Sports Federation.

"The NSW Sports Federation is the voice for many of the state's smaller sporting organisations and provides vital support services to its member bodies.

"The NSW Sports Federation works with over 100 NSW Sporting Organisations, some very small and lacking in resources. This funding increase provides some relief from resourcing challenges, and allows the Federation to focus on the future," Mr Annesley said.

Under a new three-year funding agreement, the NSW Government will provide \$120,000 per annum to ensure the Federation can carry out its education, advocacy, recognition and support functions.

"The increase in funding will help the Federation to enhance its leadership role while fostering positive community, corporate and government involvement with sport at all levels," Mr Annesley added.

NSW Sports Federation CEO Debbie Kemp welcomed Minister Annesley's announcement.

"We thank Minister Annesley for this increase in funding," Ms Kemp said.

"This will assist the NSW Sports Federation to continue our important work for the sports industry in NSW. It will enable us to give all sports a louder voice, and to focus on programs and initiatives that will support our members, and consequently, all people involved in sport in NSW," Ms Kemp added.

Mr Annesley said the increase in funding follows an independent review, which identified the need to modernise funding arrangements for the sport industry's peak bodies.

"A triennial funding agreement provides more stability for the NSW Sports Federation to plan for its strategic long-term goals.

"The NSW Sports Federation and its member bodies are our partners in helping to support and nurture a healthy love of sport and recreation, encouraging active lifestyles and supporting the many volunteers who get involved.

"The NSW Government is committed to boosting participation in sport and supporting a thriving industry," Mr Annesley said.

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