



# The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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### **HISTORIC WIN FOR STOSUR SETS UP ROYAL SYDNEY DAVIS CUP CLASH**

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, congratulated Samantha Stosur on her historic win at Flushing Meadows, taking out the US Open in straight sets against crowd favourite Serena Williams.

Mr Annesley said Samantha's victory is a great entree to the Davis Cup play off between Australia and Switzerland to be hosted in Sydney from 16 to 18 September.

"This is a memorable moment in Australian sport," Mr Annesley said.

"I congratulate Sam on winning her first major singles title.

"Today she has earned the admiration of a nation and the tennis world in writing herself into the record books.

"Her composed and gutsy performance has made her Australia's first female grand slam singles champion since Evonne Goolagong Cawley.

"I'm certain Sam's inspiring underdog victory will provide a lasting inspiration for other young Australian tennis players dreaming of making it to the top."

Mr Annesley said Stosur's win will give the Australian team a real boost ahead of the weekend's Davis Cup play off.

"The Davis Cup is an iconic event in world tennis and holds a special place in Australian tennis and sporting history," Mr Annesley said.

The crucial playoff against Switzerland will take place on the grass courts of the Royal Sydney Golf Club with the winner moving into the World Group in 2012.

The possible clash on grass between Lleyton Hewitt and Roger Federer, and the appearance of Australia's teenage sensation Bernard Tomic makes the clash between Australia and Switzerland all the more exciting.

Mr Annesley added, "The Davis Cup is the world's largest annual international team competition in sport, with 125 nations competing in 2011."

"I'm sure Sam's magnificent victory will inspire our Davis Cup heroes to propel Australia back into International tennis prominence," Mr Annesley said.