



# The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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# NSW SERVES UP A ROYAL SYDNEY DAVIS CUP CLASH

The Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, welcomed teams from Australia and Switzerland to the grass courts of Royal Sydney at the official dinner hosted by Tennis Australia for the Davis Cup World Group play off.

Mr Annesley said, "It's an honour to represent the Premier, Barry O'Farrell and be a part of this prestigious sporting event as a guest of Tennis Australia and Sponsor BNP Paribas."

The NSW Government is supporting Australia's bid to return to the Davis Cup World Group in 2012.

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

"Australia is one of the most successful nations in Davis Cup history, last winning the coveted trophy in 2003.

"Like many tennis enthusiasts I'm looking forward to watching world class tennis being played on the grass courts of Royal Sydney by two of the sport's past World No.1 players, Lleyton Hewitt and Roger Federer.

"The Australian team will be well supported by Coach Tony Roche and Captain Pat Rafter, two of the legends of the sport," Mr Annesley added.

Australia plays Switzerland in the World Group Play-off, from 16 to 18 September on the Royal Sydney Golf Club grass courts complex.

The tie will see Lleyton Hewitt and teenage sensation Bernard Tomic take on 16 time Grand Slam winner Roger Federer, with the winning nation qualifying for the 2012 World Group, the pinnacle of the Davis Cup.

"The NSW Government has again served up a world class sporting event to the people of NSW with the staging of this Davis Cup event.

"On behalf of the NSW Government I wish all involved a very successful tournament and may the best team win," Mr Annesley said.