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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Co-operation delivers Field of Dreams complex**

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Member for Tamworth Peter Draper today congratulated Tamworth's baseball and softball organizations for working co-operatively with the State Government resulting in \$200,000 funding for a Riverside Sports Complex.

The NSW Government funding, announced today in Tamworth, will enable the Field of Dreams complex to be constructed with the Federal Government, Tamworth Regional Council and the softball and baseball organizations contributing the balance towards the \$700,000 project.

"The two user groups contributed \$30,000 each to the project, and it is that type of commitment that helps enormously in securing funding for such a facility, it's a good example of community working effectively with State Government," he said.

Mr Draper said he had no hesitation in writing a letter of support for the project to the NSW Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation Sandra Nori given that the facility would not only significantly grow the two sports, but also inject significant revenue into the local economy.

"It's great for the economy and for the young players coming through, the potential for both sports to grow from here is fantastic," he said.

Mr Draper said the beauty of the multi-purpose facility was that every level of player from both sports could use it year round -from children's play ball workshops through to providing a venue for international competition.

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