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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR MAJOR SPORTS FACILITIES

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Member for Tamworth Peter Draper is encouraging sporting bodies and local councils to apply for funding under the State Government's 2004/05 Regional Sports Facilities Program.

The Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation program provides grants to local government authorities and not-for-profit sporting and recreational organisations to assist with the construction or upgrading of major sport and recreation facilities.

Mr Draper said the program provides funds to develop and enhance major sporting and recreational facilities.

"Special consideration is given to facilities that meets the needs of the general community that may also incorporate uses for talented and elite athletes," Mr Draper said.

Projects eligible for consideration under the Regional Sports Facilities Program include:

- the construction of new facilities;
- the enhancement of existing facilities such as upgrading to State or National standards;
- the provision of ancillary and support facilities at established facilities such as grandstands, amenities or floodlighting;
- projects that improve access for under represented groups such as women, Indigenous people, seniors, youth at risk and people of diverse cultures or languages

Mr Draper said the grants awarded would range from a minimum of \$40,000 to a maximum of \$200,000, and would not exceed 50% of the net project cost.

Applications must be submitted to the Tamworth office of the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation by the closing date of November 30, 2004.

Regional Sports Facilities Program guidance notes and application forms are available at Mr Draper's office at 13 Fitzroy St, Tamworth, and also from the Department's regional office at 155 Marius St, Tamworth. (Phone 6766 1200)

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