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INVESTING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY SPORTING ORGANISATIONS

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The Liberal National government will invest \$199,999 in upgrading and improving the sporting facilities at Callide United Football Club to help increase sporting participation and get the local community more active, more often.

The investment is part of the Community Sport Infrastructure Grant program that is investing \$28 million in 223 projects across Australia that will help drive increased participation in sports and physical activity.

“Our government has prioritised investment in local grassroots sports because we recognise the wider health, social and community benefits that come from greater activity and participating in sport,” Member for Flynn, Ken O’Dowd said today.

“It is a key priority of our government to promote the social and health benefits of physical activity and sport and our investment to upgrade facilities and infrastructure will provide a real encouragement for those local residents not currently active.

“This grant will go towards the installation of sports field lighting to replace the existing lighting which is over 30 years old. The project includes the supply and installation of 20m light poles with a lifting system, LED floodlights and a lighting level that will allow the club to play night games.

This is such a vital investment in to the local community. It will help people of all ages to get even more active. It is also a major improvement to the area and will also benefit the broader community.

The number of applications received nationally – over 2,000 – was far more than anticipated and to meet the obvious interest, the government will allocate an additional \$30 million for projects in early 2019 from the existing pool of applications.

“This demand has demonstrated that sporting and community organisations are crying out for help to upgrade their facilities and because of the Liberal National government’s responsible economic management and delivering a budget surplus, we are in the position to increase the investment,” Mr O’Dowd said.

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