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Joint Media Release

Liberal & Nationals investment sheds new light on Callide United soccer players

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Callide United Football Club will replace ageing lights at its Biloela soccer fields with a \$199,999 investment from the Liberal & Nationals Government.

The Minister for Sport, Senator Bridget McKenzie, and The Nationals' Member for Flynn, Ken O'Dowd, announced the grant funding in Biloela today.

The funding is part of the Liberal & Nationals Government's additional \$30 million Move it AUS Community Sport Infrastructure Grant program.

"The Liberal & Nationals Government understands that our success and prowess as a sporting nation begins with grassroots sports, which is why we have focused our investment on local grassroots sporting facilities such as the lighting at Callide United's soccer fields," Minister McKenzie said.

"As outlined in the National Sports Plan, Sport 2030, grassroots sports help drive increased participation and promote social, health and community benefits of physical activity and sport – a key priority for our government.

"Demand for funding under the Community Sport Infrastructure Grant program was overwhelming, with the number of applications received far greater than could be accommodated.

"Today's grant is a testament to the quality of application put forward by Callide United, acknowledging the continued popularity of soccer across all ages and genders – and also Ken O'Dowd's tireless advocacy for the interests of people living in his electorate of Flynn."

Mr O'Dowd said the grant would make a significant contribution towards the overall cost of the lighting project.

"The existing lighting was installed 30 years ago, this new project includes the supply and installation of 20m light poles, LED flood lights to create a lighting level that will allow matches to be played at night," Mr O'Dowd said.

"Soccer has long been one of the major participation sports in Australia, appealing to all ages, genders and abilities. This new lighting will help the Callide United club cater for that demand."

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