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The Hon. Helen Burnet  
Member for Clark  
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly  
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Dear Ms Burnet

I write in response to a question raised in Parliament on behalf of your constituents on 11 March 2025 in relation to shortage of netball courts and women in sport.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to increasing the participation and involvement of women and girls in all aspects of the sport and active recreation industry, as participants, coaches, leaders, officials, volunteers and administrators.

To achieve this goal, work is underway to develop a Women and Girls in Sport Strategy with the goal to enable greater access and participation of women and girls in sport and active recreation in Tasmania.

In the 2022-23 State Budget, the Tasmanian Government committed funding of \$740,000 over four years, being \$185,000 per year from 2022-23 to 2025-26, to develop and implement the Strategy.

Additional funding of \$370,000 was committed in the 2024/25 State Budget, being \$185,000 per year for 2026-27 and 2027-28.

This Strategy will align with the Tasmanian Women's Strategy 2022-2027 in which the development of a Women and Girls in Sport Strategy is a key action.

The Tasmanian Government supports and invests in sport and active recreation to build healthier and more active communities. We recognise the significant benefits gained from physical activity through sport and active recreation with this improving physical and mental health and building community connectedness and social skills.

As you may be aware the Tasmanian Government has recently announced Claremont College as the location for a new four court facility, as part of a \$28 million commitment to a Glenorchy Sports Centre.

A 2021 \$1 million election commitment is being managed by City of Hobart (the Council) and will be used to convert a bowling green into two additional floodlit netball courts including fencing, a further \$500,000 has recently been committed to this development.

We acknowledge the need for improved sporting facilities and are committed to helping our sporting clubs and organisations to increase and enhance their offerings. This current financial year we are making available \$5 million through the Tasmanian Active Infrastructure Grants Program. This

program has already delivered close to \$5 million in 2023-24 to build new and upgrade existing sport and active recreation infrastructure, and a new round has recently opened for projects between \$25,000 and \$500,000.

This program provides grants to the sport and active recreation sector to build new and upgrade existing, sport and active recreation infrastructure. The aim of the Program is to enhance community sport and active recreation participation opportunities through the provision of spaces that are safe, inclusive, accessible, meet present standards and cater for a range of activities.

This may include, but is not limited to, works such as inclusive changerooms, showers and toilets facilities, new courts or playing fields and infrastructure developments that increase participation for typically underrepresented population groups in that activity.

The program opened on 24 February 2025 and will close on 30 April 2025. Funding will be distributed in the 2025/26 year. More information and details on how to apply is available via the website [Active Tasmania](#) Your constituents can also reach out directly to Active Tasmania either via phone 1800 252 476, email [info@active.tas.gov.au](mailto:info@active.tas.gov.au)

Once again thank you for raising this important issue with me. I trust this information is helpful for your constituents.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Duigan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Nick Duigan MLC  
**Minister for Sports and Events**

14 March 2025