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The Hon. Michael Ferguson
Member for Bass
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Mr Ferguson

I write in response to a question raised in Parliament on behalf of your constituents on 5 March 2025 in relation to opportunities for sporting clubs to receive assistance for infrastructure upgrades.

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.

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](https://www.active.tasmania.gov.au) Your constituents can also reach out directly to Active Tasmania either via phone 1800 252 476, email 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".

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Sports and Events