

Media Release

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STUDY TO CONSIDER DANDENONG SPORTS AND EVENTS CENTRE

The Andrews Labor Government is backing a feasibility review and development of a business case for a proposed major sports and events centre in Dandenong.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula today announced the Government is contributing \$100,000 towards the review and business case, to be undertaken by Deloitte Australia.

The City of Greater Dandenong is leading the project and matching the Government contribution.

The proposed Dandenong centre would include a rectangular playing field for soccer and rugby as well as festivals and concerts, while also providing facilities for education, training, community outreach programs and conferences.

The feasibility review and business case will identify the demand for a sports and events centre in Dandenong, the scope and costs of potential developments, and ownership and management options.

Greater south-east Melbourne has more than 100 soccer clubs and more than 22,000 registered players – and a record of producing elite talent such as current Matilda Steph Catley and former Socceroo Vince Grella.

The region also has a growing number of rugby union and rugby league teams.

The Labor Government's ongoing *Revitalising Central Dandenong* initiative is rejuvenating the city centre, creating jobs and bringing the community together.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula

"The development of a feasibility review and business case is an important step for the proposed Dandenong rectangular stadium."

"All stakeholders need to have full information at their disposal and that's what this work will provide."

Quote attributable to Member for Dandenong Gabrielle Williams

"Sport is booming in our local region, as evidenced by Melbourne City's relocation to the south east. It's fantastic that we are moving to the feasibility review stage for the very exciting Dandenong stadium proposal."

Quote attributable to City of Greater Dandenong Mayor Angela Long

"A major sports and events centre in south-east Melbourne would be a big winner on sporting and community fronts – we look forward to supporting Deloitte in its vital work."