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LABOR HITS IT FOR SIX AND WILL REDEVELOP THE WACA

A Shorten Labor Government will invest \$30 million towards the redevelopment of the WACA – Western Australia’s oldest and most iconic cricket ground.

This election will be a choice between a united Shorten Labor Government which will build the sporting infrastructure our community needs, or more of the Liberals’ cuts and chaos.

We need real change, because more of the same isn’t good enough.

Following the opening of Optus Stadium, the WACA Ground Improvement Project will allow for the ground to be reshaped as a 10,000 spectator capacity boutique stadium and a community-focussed sport and entertainment hub.

Federal Labor is making this commitment to both the Perth, and wider WA community, because we want to make sure that the WACA is future-proofed, fit-for-purpose, and able to be used by all levels of cricket, in addition to hosting broader sporting, entertainment and hospitality events.

The project includes a 10-lane indoor cricket facility, high performance and administration facilities, a community fitness facility, a new museum honouring the history of the ground and a piazza-style space that can be enjoyed by the community year-round.

Importantly, the project will deliver equitable facilities to accommodate the surging popularity of women’s cricket in Western Australia.

The state-of-the-art training facilities will be accessed by both grassroots community cricketers and professional players from the Western Warriors, Western Fury and Perth Scorchers.

“I want to ensure the future of the WACA for all Western Australians,” said Leader of the Opposition, Bill Shorten.

“My united Federal Labor team and I want real change for Western Australians at the election - and we want to make sure Perth and WA aren’t left behind by Canberra and Liberals,” said Mr Shorten.

Shadow Minister for Sport, Senator Don Farrell, said the redevelopment reinforces Labor’s commitment to sport in Western Australia.

“The WACA has been the scene of some great moments in Australian sporting history but the elite training facilities are outdated.

“Labor’s investment help ensure the WACA’s rich cricket history is preserved and that the iconic ground can serve the needs of cricket into the future, both as a dedicated first-class venue and a modern, year-round elite training facility,” Senator Farrell said.

Shadow Minister Anthony Albanese said the WACA was an Australian cricketing institution and was well-loved by generations of fans.

“This investment will ensure the WACA continues to be a part of Australian cricket along with the new multi-purpose stadium,” said Mr Albanese.

“The WACA holds a very special place in Western Australia’s heart and now has an exciting future as a community hub in East Perth, helping to activate the area, thanks to Federal Labor,” Patrick Gorman, Member for Perth, said.

Across Western Australia, the WACA drives participation to a community footprint of over 200,000 participants, 55 junior and senior cricket association, 447 junior

and senior cricket clubs and over 4,000 volunteers across the state – all from its headquarters at the WACA Ground.

Labor is committed to supporting improved sporting facilities to give all Australians a fair go at sport, whether they dream of playing for Australian or just want to enjoy the health and social benefits of grassroots sport.

Our investments in projects like the WACA redevelopment help build capacity in our communities to meet the welcome growth in female sport participation, provide facilities for player development pathways and support more Australians to live active, healthy lifestyles.

Labor can invest in a fair go for all Australians because we've made the tough budget decisions to make multinationals pay their fair share of tax and we won't give the big banks a tax cut.

If you want a fair go for all Australians – vote Labor.

Funding for this commitment has been included in Labor's Fair Go Budget Plan, available at http://www.alp.org.au/labors_fiscal_plan.

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