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LABOR WILL INVEST IN KARDINIA PARK

A Shorten Labor Government will invest \$20 million towards completing the fifth and final stage of the Kardinia Park redevelopment, helping fast track its completion.

The final stage will complete the stadium bowl by replacing the ageing Ford Stand and Ablett Terrace, adding 14,000 additional seats to increase stadium capacity to 40,000.

The redevelopment will feature a new northern entry plaza for fans entering from Geelong city centre and the South Geelong train station.

New media facilities, improved access for drop-in pitches and upgraded cricket facilities will also be installed to help Kardinia Park host international and national cricket.

These upgrades will also turn Kardinia Park into a stadium capable of hosting world-class concerts in Victoria such as Disney on Ice or Monster Truck Jams.

Federal Labor's investment will also help build the Geelong Sports Discovery Centre to house a range of memorabilia and inspire the next generation of athletes.

The redevelopment will also construct female friendly changerooms, providing world-class facilities for our female athletes to help Kardinia Park attract more women's sporting events.

Labor's investment will ensure Geelong and Western Victoria are positioned as a premier destination on the national and international stage, while providing greater community access to a world-class facility.

Geelong and its surrounding region will also benefit from the completion of the stadium, which will generate \$122 million in economic activity locally, while creating many employment and training opportunities.

This complements Federal Labor's \$10 million announcement towards Deakin University's multipurpose indoor sports stadium at their Waurin Ponds Campus to expand Deakin's Women in Sport and Exercise program.

In Government Federal Labor provided \$14 million for the Kardinia Park Grandstand and \$840,000 for sustainable stormwater reuse technology.

Labor's investment builds on the \$102 million investment in the Kardinia Park redevelopment from the Andrew's Labor Government.

Richard Marles said that this final development will see Kardinia Park be the best sporting stadium in regional Australia.

"It will not only secure the base for Geelong Football Club but contribute great facilities to the community."

"Labor is committed to regional cities such as Geelong and this will deliver a world-class facility to host elite sporting and major event to the community", he said.

Libby Coker, Labor Candidate for Corangamite said that the vision for Kardinia Park will now be finally realised.

"Redeveloping Kardinia Park has been a massive undertaking and I am proud that Labor will provide the final piece to create a facility that the community can be proud of," she said.

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