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Supporting Aussie sport to bring it home

Minister for Youth and Sport Richard Colbeck is attending the FIFA Women's World Cup and the ICC Cricket World Cup to show the Morrison Government's support for Australia's women's football and men's cricket teams and to help secure future opportunities to host major sporting events in Australia.

"I wish the Matildas all the very best against Norway tonight and our men's cricket team against England on Tuesday," Minister Colbeck said.

"The Government strongly supports bringing major international sporting events to Australia.

"Events like the Women's Football World Cup and Cricket World Cups are major drawcards for international visitors and provide a big boost to local economies."

Minister Colbeck recognised Football Federation Australia's ongoing efforts to bid for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup (including a \$5 million contribution from the Morrison Government to support the bid), and the Government's ongoing work with the ICC and Cricket Australia officials ahead of the ICC T20 World Cup, to be played in Australia in 2020.

"The Morrison Government's Sport 2030 plan includes the aim to build the business of sport and sports industry in Australia, to demonstrate our capacity to host such events as well as realise the benefits of strong sport diplomacy.

"Bringing major events like these to Australian shores will benefit not just our sporting heroes, but our nation and Australians as a whole."

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