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ANAO report into the Community Sport Infrastructure program

The Government acknowledges the recommendations of the ANAO performance audit into the Community Sport Infrastructure program and will take action, with Sport Australia, to address the report's findings.

I welcome Sport Australia's quick action to address the recommendations. The Government will continue to work with the board and senior management to implement the measures the agency is putting in place to strengthen future grant delivery.

The Federal Government has invested more than \$100 million in the Community Sport Infrastructure grant program to deliver 684 projects.

We have seen first-hand the positive impacts that the Community Sport Infrastructure Grant Program has been delivering for so many grassroots sporting organisations and local communities around the country.

The program is supporting the construction of new community infrastructure and upgrading so many sporting facilities to help support local jobs, increase participation in sport and get more Australians moving.

Projects include upgrades to female change room facilities, lighting upgrades for local sporting clubs and surface upgrades to ensure a safer sporting environment.

Over 2,050 applications totalling nearly \$400 million were made to the program which has seen:

- 224 projects funded as part of Round 1;
- 232 projects funded as part of Round 2; and
- 228 projects funded as part of Round 3.

As the ANAO report found, no applications assessed as ineligible were awarded grant funding.

Since the program was announced in August 2018, we've already seen 245 of the 684 Community Sport Infrastructure projects completed, across all states and territories. These completed CSI projects are valued at \$17,958,484.

The Government has also been advised by Sport Australia, that a number of the projects in the Community Sport Infrastructure grant program may have been damaged as a result of recent bushfires.

Sport Australia as a priority will work proactively with the clubs and organisations to assess the number of projects affected and what reconstruction work may be required.