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\$2 million in federal funding for Aldinga Recreation Centre

Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Maxine McKew, and Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, today announced funding of \$2 million for construction of a recreation centre at Aldinga Beach.

Ms McKew said the project exemplified the way the Rudd Government was delivering infrastructure for local communities.

“The Aldinga Recreation Centre joins more than 3000 community projects we are funding in every single local government area across the country.”

“All these projects will provide economic stimulus and jobs, and help keep Australians working through the global economic recession.”

Ms Rishworth welcomed the announcement, which fulfils a 2007 election commitment.

“Residents, schools and community groups will all benefit from access to this new facility”.

“This rapidly-growing area will get a recreation centre of its own, saving residents a 15 minute drive into Noarlunga to the nearest similar centre.”

The Aldinga Recreation Centre will be built on land provided by the City of Onkaparinga at McRae St, Aldinga Beach, with the Council also providing funding of \$1.4 million.

The federal funding for the project is being delivered through the \$176 million Better Regions Program.

The Rudd Government is also investing more than \$1 billion through its Community Infrastructure Program, a key part of the National Building–Economic Stimulus Plan.

Ms Rishworth said Aldinga residents had overwhelmingly supported a multi-purpose sporting facility in a survey she conducted in her electorate last year.

One constituent Mr Thomas Rowe told Ms Rishworth:

“By providing a range of facilities the new centre would enable all age groups to participate in the many sporting opportunities that would be generated... and would benefit our community for many years to come.”

When built the Aldinga Recreation Centre will include a one-court stadium for basketball and netball, a multi-purpose room, a reception/office, toilet and change room facilities.

The City of Onkaparinga is expected to begin tender and approval processes for the centre shortly, with construction expected to commence next year.

“This has been an excellent example of the Rudd Government working together with Local Government to benefit local communities,” Ms Rishworth said.

“It’s great to be part of a government that is working with communities everywhere to deliver the infrastructure they need,” said Ms Rishworth.

“As I travel around the country inspecting community projects, my colleagues in Local Government keep telling me - these projects just wouldn’t get off the ground with the support the Rudd Government has provided,” said Ms McKew.