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Find Your Game in the Amateur Sporting Capital of Australia

Making Canberra the ‘Amateur Sporting Capital of Australia’ is a focus of the Canberra Liberals’ strategic direction for the future of sport and recreation in the ACT.

Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation James Milligan is pleased to present *Find Your Game*, the Canberra Liberals’ 10-year strategic plan to boost grassroots sporting opportunities and participation.

With more than 30 initiatives, *Find Your Game* unlocks Canberra’s tourism, entertainment, health, education and technological sectors to enhance community-wide sports participation.

“We want all Canberrans, regardless of their age, sex, physical ability or background to have fair access to sporting opportunities,” Mr Milligan said.

“Despite the huge social, health and wellbeing benefits of sport and recreation, there are number of barriers that make it difficult for many Canberrans to participate. These include prohibitive expenses, poorly maintained assets, a lack of facilities, and a lack of direction from the Barr Government to create more opportunities for increasing participation among women and girls, youth, seniors and people living with a disability.

“The Barr Government’s restriction of Canberra’s natural assets, such as our mountain ranges and waterways, prohibits entire industries of sport and recreation.

“By removing these barriers, we will ensure more Canberrans can enjoy a sport or recreation suitable to their interests and life circumstances.

“Nurturing and investing in our homegrown talent will inevitably lead to a more competitive base for elite sport in the ACT, enabling us to expand national and international sporting opportunities.

“I am excited about the future of sport and recreation in the ACT and, after 12 months of extensive consultation with Canberra’s sporting communities, I am confident that we can make Canberra the Amateur Sporting Capital of Australia,” Mr Milligan said.

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