



Speech by

**Mr N. ROBERTS**

**MEMBER FOR NUDGE**

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**ZILLMERE COMMUNITY SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY**

**Mr ROBERTS** (Nudgee—ALP) (7.16 p.m.): I am pleased to advise of a momentous decision for my electorate. Sports Minister, Bob Gibbs, has approved the construction of a \$1m community sport and recreational facility for Zillmere and surrounding communities. It will be constructed on the grounds of the North Star Sports Club in Jennings Street, Zillmere.

I particularly thank the Minister and acknowledge him, his staff and departmental officers for being part of a great decision. This decision confirms that the Labor Government has a heart—a big heart. The Zillmere community could not have raised the significant funds required to comply with the dollar-for-dollar funding guidelines of this program. In this case the Minister has recognised the genuine and significant needs of the Zillmere community and has exercised his discretion to provide full funding for this project.

This is a great day for Zillmere and the surrounding suburbs. I again thank the Minister. I thank and congratulate North Star, particularly manager Barry Hardy and president Wayne Yule. I thank the Brisbane City Council for its support, particularly Councillor Terry Hampson, and also thank the many other individuals and organisations that have gotten behind this exciting project.

This is a good, solid Labor decision that will provide enormous benefit to a community in significant need. It is expected that the construction of the new community sports facility will commence in the next few months. I look forward to strong community support and involvement in this project. It will provide a much-needed boost to local youth, families and our elderly community. I again thank the Minister for his support and look forward to him coming down to the electorate to celebrate this great decision with my constituents.

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