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Currumbin Eagles Rugby League Football Club

 **Mrs GERBER** (Currumbin—LNP) (9.24 pm): The Currumbin Eagles Rugby League Football Club is more than just a community sporting club. They are deeply rooted in our community, with a proud history of bringing our community together, of inclusivity and of including female participation in sport. In December 2022 they launched their girls academy, which I was so proud to support. Then in January last year the Eagles hosted a free girls come-and-try session, inviting girls aged six to 15 to give Rugby League a go. I dusted off my boots and ran out with the girls. I can vouch firsthand that the sessions were incredible.

In April last year the Currumbin Eagles Rugby League Football Club launched their women's team, the mighty Currumbin Sheagles. They are slaying, winning the women's A-grade grand final just 10 days ago—smashing Goodna 40-0. The Sheagles' grand final victory also wrote the Currumbin Eagles into history. The 2024 Sheagles team is the first ever Currumbin Eagles Rugby League team to win an A-grade grand final in male or female teams.

With so many girls and women joining the club, the Currumbin Eagles Rugby League Football Club is in desperate need of female change rooms and universal change rooms, so I initiated a petition. I want to table the petition's progress so far.

Tabled paper: Extract of nonconforming petition regarding women's change rooms for Currumbin Eagles Rugby League Club [1787](#).

Some 646 locals have signed this petition to get the state government to give the Currumbin Eagles Rugby League Football Club universal change rooms. Our local federal candidate for McPherson is on board. Leon Rebello came with me to inspect the need for change rooms at the Currumbin Eagles. There is still time for our community to get on board. The petition is still open. Jump onto my social media and sign the petition, because the Currumbin Eagles and our Currumbin Sheagles deserve the dignity of proper change rooms.

Fighting for the Currumbin Eagles to get change rooms has been a long, hard fight. I have talked about it in my budget debate speeches and I have written numerous letters of support, but has this state government done it? No, they have not. For me, this is just another reason we need to show Labor the door in 2024.

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