



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

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**Member for Castle Hill**  
**Minister for Multiculturalism and**  
**Minister for Disability Services**

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **\$6 MILLION IN LOCAL CRICKET FUNDING NOW AVAILABLE**

Cricket clubs in the Castle Hill electorate are encouraged to apply for a share of \$6 million in funds made available through the upcoming 2020 ICC World T20 Legacy Fund.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said that he encourages local clubs to apply for projects which support local cricket participation and benefit the whole community.

“We know that sports like cricket have many proven health, social and economic benefits, and this funding can help local clubs foster participation in our area.” Mr Williams said.

“Castle Hill has a proud history of comradery, and the fund offers an excellent opportunity for clubs and association to form partnerships with local councils to improve the quality and quantity of community facilities.”

Minister for Sport Stuart Ayres said the ICC World T20 Legacy Fund will be delivered over three years to support grass roots through to elite level cricket participation.

“The NSW Government leads the way in its support of women’s sport in Australia, and this fund specifically nurture the participation pathways for our female cricket players,” Mr Ayres said.

“Just last week we launched the ‘Future Matildas’ initiative to support the training and education for our rising female football stars.”

Andrew Jones, Chief Executive Officer of Cricket NSW said that cricket is a global sport, and the World T20 will witness 1.5 billion viewers tune in to 14 NSW matches.

“Currently there are 400,000 grass roots players participating in cricket in NSW, and I am confident that the upcoming ICC World T20 tournament will draw more players to the sport,” Mr Jones said.

“This first round of funding provides an exciting opportunity for councils and local clubs to consider projects that provide long-term benefits to local communities.”

Successful projects between \$5,000 and \$250,000 will be funded up to 50 per cent of projects costs. Applications close 13 July 2018.

More information can be found at [www.raywilliamsmp.com.au](http://www.raywilliamsmp.com.au)

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