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## Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP

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### **Liberals' plan to fund Port Augusta's Central Oval upgrade realised**

A Liberal election promise to put \$5 million towards the Central Oval development in Port Augusta has been adopted by the State Government in yet another case of "follow the leader".

In January this year, Leader of the Opposition, Isobel Redmond, committed \$5 million to upgrade Port Augusta's Central Oval sporting precinct.

Five weeks later Premier Rann was forced to adopt the Liberal Party's positive plan but until today Port Augusta had not seen a cent from the Government for the project.

Member for Stuart, Dan van Holst Pellekaan, has welcomed the re-announcement in today's budget which sees the Liberal Party's plan put into action.

"I am delighted the Government has matched the Liberal initiative- it is a win win for Port Augusta.

"The Treasurer's announcement in the budget today is purely a *re-announcement* of an election promise initiated by the Liberal Party.

"Nearly six months after the election and Port Augusta has still not received a cent towards the project from the government.

"The Port Augusta City Council and the local community are anxious to receive the money so the second stage of planning can be completed and I am calling on the Government not to delay the lump sum payment.

"The redevelopment of Central Oval is a fantastic initiative and not only benefits sporting clubs in Port Augusta and the surrounding region but will also enhance the community's ability to attract more events like concerts to the region.

"It will be great to see this long awaited upgrade actually happen," Mr van Holst Pellekaan said.

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