



## Boosting Grassroots Participation in Sport – tennis and netball

The Government will boost grassroots participation in sport with new initiatives aimed at increasing opportunities for women and girls in tennis and netball. New programs for disadvantaged and hard to reach communities will help retain more girls and young women in tennis, develop talent, boost the number of female coaches, and help create future female leaders in the sport. Funding to NT Netball will support its participation in the Australian Netball League and enable NT netball players to compete with the best in their sport in Australia.

### Why is this important?

The Government is committed to helping more girls follow their passion for sport. From the grassroots to the top levels, the Government is backing Australian tennis and netball and female stars of the future.

By putting more resources into programs that support girls in tennis and encouraging them to stay and play, we promote social inclusion, sport gender equality and increase physical activity. It will help young women to get more active, more often, whether as a player, coach, umpire or volunteer.

The Australian Netball League competition is a vital pathway for NT players, coaches, umpires and officials.

### Who will benefit?

More young women involved with tennis will be able to access tailored development programs, mentoring and additional career pathways in areas such as coaching, sport administration and officiating.

NT netball fans will see their favorite stars in action against some of the best young talent in Australia.

For the players, it is an opportunity to test their skills in a competition that bridges the gap between State League competitions and the Super Netball League.

### How much will this cost?

This will cost \$12 million from 2019–20 to 2022–23.