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Canberra Liberals will deliver a city stadium

Opposition Leader Elizabeth Lee has today announced that a Canberra Liberals Government will deliver a new stadium in the city at the Acton waterfront.

Ms Lee said the Canberra Liberals will begin construction in the first term of government and are committed to providing Canberrans with a city stadium that will bring enormous social, cultural and economic benefit to the ACT.

“A world class stadium located at the Acton Waterfront, in close proximity to restaurants, bars and hotels will revitalise not only the city centre but all of Canberra,” Ms Lee said.

“A new city stadium, delivered by the Canberra Liberals will provide our local elite sporting teams such as the Raiders, Brumbies and Canberra United with a modern facility and will be a venue that attracts international sporting events, state of origin and world class music and entertainment.”

The proposed stadium at the Acton Waterfront will hold 30,000 seats, significantly boost tourism and create local jobs, with taxpayers to receive significant economic benefit for money spent on the project even before considering federal funding or PPP arrangements.

“There is a reason why cities all across Australia and the world build stadiums in the city centre. The enormous benefits that come with an infrastructure project of this kind in the city has been proven time and time again,” Ms Lee said.

“The Canberra Liberals have always been committed to building infrastructure projects that have the most economic, cultural and social benefit for Canberrans. A new stadium located in the city will signal to the rest of Australia and the world that Canberra is open for business; and open to host world-class events.

“The chosen site for the stadium at the Acton Waterfront does not require other buildings to be knocked down or excessive associated works as those put forward by Andrew Barr at other sites across Canberra.

“It is clear the Labor-Greens government has no interest in building a new stadium and Andrew Barr has strung Canberrans along for over a decade with broken promises and multiple feasibility studies.”

“For too long Canberrans have been let down by a government that has failed time and time again to deliver infrastructure projects for the ACT. It is now abundantly clear that the Canberra Liberals are the only party that will build a new stadium for our city,” Ms Lee concluded.

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