



COMMUNITY RECREATION & SPORT GRANTS
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Member for Flinders Liz Penfold today called on the Rann Labor Government to continue the Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Funding Scheme.

Mrs Penfold said the funding for the recreational and sporting grants came from gaming machine profits.

“Much grandstanding has occurred over gaming machines however there has been virtually no support from the most vocal opponents in regard to a scheme that has benefited so many South Australians,” she said.

Mrs Penfold said the scheme had many positive aspects, one being the improvement in recreational and sporting facilities in the rural regions which was a matter of social justice.

She said the Liberal Government had committed an additional \$17 million to the program over three years, making it a \$22 million program.

“Many constituents have contacted me to express their concern that the program might be curtailed or disbanded,” she said.

“If the Labor Government are sincere in governing for the benefit of all South Australians then this is one program that will be retained.”

Mrs Penfold said Treasurer Kevin Foley should give an undertaking on the future of the scheme immediately, while the details would still wait for the Budget.