

BRIDGET ARCHER MP Federal Member for Bass

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Labor pushed to recognise Exeter community

The Exeter Show and Recreation Centre will go ahead after the Federal Government agreed to support a funding commitment secured by Federal Member for Bass Bridget Archer.

"Although I am disappointed that it has taken Labor six months to commit to upholding the funding commitment I obtained in the March Budget for the project, I welcome the decision nonetheless," Mrs Archer said.

"After working closely with the Exeter Show Society for several years, I advocated for the muchneeded development, securing \$1.5 million in funding through the Community Development Grants.

"The project has demonstrated its merit and value and has received co-investment from the Tasmanian Government for \$735,000, ensuring facilities are brought up to date for wider community use, particularly catering for the rise in female participation in sport.

"I called on Minister King in July to provide assurances to the community that this necessary project would go ahead, particularly as Tasmanian Labor were completely silent on the matter.

"Though the delay has caused unnecessary stress and uncertainty for the Society and the local community and has likely resulted in increased project costs, I am pleased the Minister has heeded my concerns ensuring the project can now get off the ground."

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