ADVANCING THE PROFILE OF NEW ZEALAND SPORT

Since 2008, National has significantly advanced the profile of New Zealand sport. At the heart of National’s sport policy is a two pronged strategy:

- The development of a world-class high performance sport system consistently delivering world leading results, both to boost New Zealand’s international brand and to provide role models encouraging young New Zealanders to participate in sport.
- A solid base of community sport making it possible for all New Zealanders, especially young people, to develop their sporting potential.

The London Olympics and Glasgow Commonwealth Games have both clearly demonstrated that New Zealand athletes in priority sports, supported with a world-class training environment, can outperform competitors from any country in the world.

Through High Performance Sport New Zealand, National has focused on delivering world-class infrastructure and support to sports identified as providing proven prospects for international success.

National is committed to providing ongoing support to bring major events to New Zealand. Next year both the Cricket World Cup and the FIFA Under-20 World Cup will be held here. These international events draw tens of thousands of people to the country and inject millions of dollars into the economy.

POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

- Creating a world-class high performance system to help Kiwi athletes succeed on the world stage.
- Supporting sport during the Christchurch rebuild.
- Continuing our investment in grassroots sport.
- Supporting the successful hosting of major sporting events in New Zealand.
NATIONAL IS...

**SUPPORTING A WORLD-CLASS HIGH PERFORMANCE SYSTEM**

- Set up High Performance Sport New Zealand to develop high performance athletes and further develop world-class training facilities in partnership with the private sector.

- Investing in the National Training Centre on Auckland’s North Shore, which brings the nation’s top sporting talent, coaching, sports science and medicine under one roof in a hot house environment. The centre is currently completing the construction of a second Olympic Pool which, along with other facilities will equip New Zealand’s high performance athletes with a training environment that is the equal of anything in the world.

- Developed a major sport satellite near Cambridge where sportspeople from some of our key disciplines can train under one roof, including:
  - the Avantidrome velodrome, a world class venue for our top cyclists
  - the high performance rowing centre at Lake Karapiro, with plans for a similar centre for kayaking
  - a national centre for triathlon at the same location.

**INVESTING IN COMMUNITY SPORT**

- Investing in Kiwisport, which is making a significant contribution to expanding opportunities for New Zealand schoolchildren to get involved in sport.

- Created the Pathway to Podium programme. Building on the success of the established Prime Minister’s Scholarships and Performance Enhancement Grants, the programme is extending support to young talented athletes and providing a more effective transition into high performance sport.

- Increased the amount of Lottery Grant money being released into the community to support clubs and other sporting organisations.

**SUPPORTING MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS**

- Building on the legacy of the 2011 Rugby World Cup, we have brought world class events to New Zealand such as the 2015 Cricket World Cup and 2015 FIFA Under-20 World Cup.

- Making significant investment through the Major Events Fund in events such as the 2015 and 2017 New Zealand Winter Games and the 2017 Women’s Hockey League World Final, as well as infrastructure upgrades at Pukekohe Park Raceway for the V8 Supercars.

**ADDRESSING SPORT AS PART OF CHRISTCHURCH’S RECOVERY**

- Improving our sporting infrastructure with commitments to projects such as AMI Stadium and Hagley Park in Christchurch.

- Opened the Apollo Centre, a temporary high performance training facility, to support sport in Canterbury while we work with other agencies and local authorities on plans to replace QEII.
WHAT WE WILL DO NEXT...

1. CONTINUE OUR INVESTMENT IN HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT FACILITIES

We will build on the National Training Centre in Auckland and the Cambridge hub of high performance sport facilities to provide more places for sportspeople to train and succeed.

Future plans for development include world-class high performance facilities for yachting and hockey, expected to be completed in the next two years.

2. STRENGTHEN THE PATHWAYS BETWEEN COMMUNITY SPORT TO OUR HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT SYSTEM

We have begun reviews to link community sport to the high performance system through strengthened talent identification and enhanced training support.

3. HOST SUCCESSFUL MAJOR EVENTS

We will host a successful 2015 Cricket World Cup in conjunction with Australia, including business leveraging activities and diplomatic outreach.

We will pass legislation to protect New Zealand sport from match-fixing in time for the Cricket World Cup and other future major events. Anyone who obtains a benefit or causes a loss by engaging in match-fixing will be liable to a maximum penalty of seven years’ imprisonment.