**Making Australia a Sporting Nation for All Abilities**

Young Australians with disability will benefit from an Australian-first pilot to boost their inclusion in grassroots sport.

With a $2 million investment from the Federal Government, *Get Skilled Access* – founded by Paralympian and 9-time Grand Slam champion Dylan Alcott OAM – will kick off the *Sports 4 All* pilot.

*Sports 4 All* will provide sporting clubs and schools with resources, training and support to boost participation and inclusion for people with disability.

Australia is a proud sporting nation – sporting clubs are often the lifeblood of our small towns and rural communities.

But with 4.5 million Australians with a disability – one in five – we need to do better to create a sporting nation for all.

There is currently an unmet need to better support our schools and sporting clubs with the tools and training to create inclusive environments and nurture the next generation of sporting stars, Paralympians, coaches and sports administrators.

That’s why the *Sports 4 All* pilot will:

* Work with National Sporting Bodies and Associations to ensure best practice for inclusion and accessibility becomes part of their sports DNA.
* Train teachers, coaches and sporting administrators in creating an inclusive and supportive sporting environment.
* Develop a set of criteria for ‘Disability Inclusive Sports Clubs’, and ‘Disability Inclusive School Sport Programs’

Critically, people with disability will be the drivers of the program – as facilitators and leaders in the training. The Get Skilled Access business model is based on employing people with disability and those who have lived experience of disability.

*Get Skilled Access* thanks the Morrison Government for their support and investment in rolling out this pilot.

**Quotes attributable to Dylan Alcott OAM:**

**“**I’ve always said that sport both changed and saved my life – and I want every young Australian with disability to have the same opportunity.

“People with disability shouldn’t be locked out of participating in grassroots sport. This program is about giving teachers and sporting clubs the tools so that inclusion and support is a given, not an exception.”

**Quotes attributable to Dani Fraillon, *Get Skilled Access* Chief Executive Officer:**

“This is about sparking a conversation and reflecting on how we give all Australians the chance to participate in sport around the country.

“We know the barriers to people with disability participating in sport – but there’s currently no plan to really address this. This pilot is the beginning of closing that gap.”

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