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Architect sought for Dial Park upgrades

The Rockliff Liberal Government is making significant progress on the \$25 million upgrade to Penguin's Dial Regional Sports Complex with tenders called today for an architect to do the design work.

Guy Barnett, Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing, said appointing the architect will mark an exciting stage in the project where it really starts coming to life.

"The Rockliff Liberal Government, through the Department of State Growth, is working with the Central Coast Council, Penguin District School and local community and sporting groups to progress the upgrades," Minister Barnett said.

"The selected architect will work with the Central Coast Council and stakeholders to define the project scope and the development of conceptual designs.

"The initial scope is expected to include additional grandstand seating, upgraded services like lighting and broadcasting facilities, new player and spectator amenities as well as car parking.

"The upgrades will allow the region to host state-wide and national sporting and entertainment events, including supporting the Tasmanian AFL and AFLW team and generating broader community and economic benefits.

"Building or upgrading facilities like these encourages more young Tasmanians to get into sport for fun, health or competition and possibly even taking the next step to the national or international stage."

Minister Barnett said that a development application will be lodged later this year following the appointment of the architect, final agreement on scope and the preparation of designs.

The call for tenders for an architect closes on 5 July 2023. Tenders for an architect close on 5 July 2023 and further information can be found on the Tasmanian Government Tenders website at <https://www.tenders.tas.gov.au/>