Dreamtime In Darwin Becomes A Reality

Sports Minister Karl Hampton today welcomed the 2010 AFL fixture which confirms a Dreamtime in Darwin match on 22 May next year.

“The Territory Government is proud to have secured more matches for Territory fans as part of a five year deal with the AFL,” Mr Hampton said.

“A huge highlight of next year’s AFL fixture will be the Round 9 Dreamtime in Darwin match between Melbourne and Port Adelaide on Saturday, 22 May, as part of the Indigenous Round.

“It makes sense for the Territory – with our large Indigenous population – to host an AFL match coinciding with the Indigenous Round which will be called Dreamtime in Darwin.

“The AFL’s annual Indigenous Round celebrates the strong connection between Aussie Rules and Indigenous Australians and the important role the sport has played in building bridges between cultures.

“We will be able to celebrate much of what our national game is about – tremendous athleticism, great skill and excitement – with a strong focus on Indigenous footballers like Aaron Davey, Austin Woneaamirri, Liam Jurrah and Daniel Motlop.

“There are almost 30 Territorians currently playing in the AFL – many of them Indigenous – and it’s great to see the Indigenous Round coming to Darwin.

“The Territory Government’s five year deal with the AFL will also see Port Adelaide coming back to Darwin for the round 16 clash against Western Bulldogs on Saturday, 17 July.

“These two teams have built up a strong rivalry in Darwin over many years and I am sure the Power will want to break their losing streak at Marrara against the Darwin Doggies.”

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