Kerry Sacilotto
MEMBER FOR PORT DARWIN

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NT AFL Team Should be Based in Darwin

The Member for Port Darwin, Kerry Sacilotto, today called on the AFL to base any NT AFL Representative Team in the Top End.

“Darwin is the Capital of the Territory and it is natural to have a team representing the Territory based here,” said Ms Sacilotto who is also the Chair of the Sessional Committee on Sport and Youth.

“I’ll be asking the Territory Sports Minister, Kon Vatskalis, to make this part of his discussions with the AFL.

“I have lived in Alice, it is a great place, they are passionate about their footy and they should have a couple of matches - but Darwin has more people and businesses who will support the team.

“The Martin Government has invested a heap of cash in making Marrara magnificent, and some games should be played there, but I would urge the AFL to consider the beauty of Gardens Oval.

“Games will be played during the Dry - the peak of the tourism season - and having the Territory Team play at Gardens will attract locals and tourists.

“I’ll be happy to support the AFL in a submission to Darwin City Council and the Martin Government for lights to go up at Gardens Oval so games can be played at night.

“If we think outside of a Saturday afternoon game, can you imagine grabbing a bite to eat at the Mindil Beach Markets on a Thursday night, watch the sunset then wander over to barrack for the Territory against a team from down south.

“Talk about a great addition to our great lifestyle - I’ll be there with half of Darwin.”

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