PART SALE OF TAYLOR OVAL

The NSW Government is moving to ensure Moree gets more jobs, a new discount department store and a financial windfall to be used to improve and develop new community recreation facilities.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today confirmed he intends to consent to the sale of part of the Taylor Oval Tennis Courts Reserve in Moree to Woolworths or associated interests of Woolworths.

“I intend to give consent for the sale after 14 days from the date of publication of a notice and will impose several conditions as a part of the consent,” the Minister said.

These will include that the Reserve Trust uses the proceeds:

- For the enhancement and improvement of existing community recreation facilities in Moree; and
- Develop new facilities which are considered priorities for the town.

A condition will also be imposed preventing the sale until a recently refused Aboriginal Land Claim over the site:

- Is withdrawn by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council;
- Lapses without any appeal being lodged; or
- If an appeal is lodged, the matter being finally determined by the courts.

Mr Kelly said the Aboriginal Land Council has informed him and the Land and Property Management Authority, it is willing to promptly consider its position in relation to the refusal of its land claim.

“The intended sale will allow Moree to get a large department store, more jobs and improved community recreation facilities,” the Minister said.