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## Premier's stadium announcement very welcome

The Committee for Perth today welcomed the announcement by Premier Colin Barnett to begin planning for a multi-purpose 60,000 plus seat stadium on the Burswood Peninsula, with completion anticipated by 2018.

CEO Marion Fulker said the Committee for Perth has long supported the establishment of a world-class multi-purpose stadium which can accommodate all major sporting codes and a range of community uses.

"The establishment of a first-class stadium is long overdue for Perth and today's announcement is a positive step towards achieving a venue that will serve Perth's future sporting and event needs," Mrs Fulker said.

Mrs Fulker added that it was crucial that the stadium incorporated flexible seating and configuration options to allow a variety of uses in a facility that was contemporary in design and offered a host of amenities.

"The fact that it will be able to accommodate at least 60,000 seats is also a positive step," Marion added.

While acknowledging that there is still a design process to be undertaken, the Committee for Perth sees today's announcement as a show of real commitment by the government.

"A stadium precinct located at the Burswood Peninsula has the potential for good integration with the city and with appropriate planning will see the realisation of a vision for an integrated sporting and entertainment precinct.

"The challenge for government will be to ensure an adequate public transport network to support the number of visitors to the stadium" Mrs Fulker said.

"The Burswood location offers the potential for easy connections with other activities and a chance to create a first-class mixed use development in the city and it is vital that we seize the benefits that this significant investment opportunity provides."

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