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## Lauga calls for fair go over federal sports funding

Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga MP has called on Michelle Landry and Ken O'Dowd to stand up for Central Queensland sporting clubs following the LNP's sports rorts saga.

The LNP has said the organisations that missed out on the funding will now have to reapply for the same grant they should have been given in the first place, said Ms Lauga.

"Woorabinda Shire Council's application for \$500,000 was recommended by Sports Australia, but the LNP decided to shift the funds around to try and win votes in marginal electorates like Capricornia.

"This will now be a huge waste of volunteers' and ratepayers' time, money and resources to apply for exactly the same grant they were denied by this Morrison Government.

"It's not their fault the LNP decided to use a grants program to serve their own political interests, and yet these volunteer-run clubs and councils will have to spend hours upon hours to resubmit their original application."

Ms Lauga said even though deputy national leader Bridget McKenzie resigned because of her part in this rorts, the pressure has been placed back on the sporting clubs to reapply in the hope the system will now be fairer and they can qualify for much-needed funding.

She said the fate of Ms McKenzie was sealed after a damning auditor-general report revealed she disproportionately allocated grants to sport clubs in marginal seats and electorates the Coalition wanted to win ahead of last year's election.

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The National Audit Office report found her [office ignored merit-based assessments made by the government agency Sport Australia](#).

“Prime Minister Morrison and his government now need to work hard to restore faith in any government process that involves sporting clubs and community groups.

“And Michelle Landry and Ken O’Dowd have to tell the people they weren’t party to these rorts and that every sporting club will be treated equally and fairly when applying for Federal Government funds,” said Ms Lauga.

“Are they prepared to fight for their constituents or just toe the party line behind Bridget McKenzie?”

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