



## **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

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Monday, 23 November 2009

### **Message to the Women's Handball Team**

It's my pleasure, as the Minister for Sport, to give my best wishes to the Australian Women's Team competing at the Women's Handball World Championship in China from 5 - 20 December.

I had the honour of supporting the Australian Women's Team at the World Championships in 2007. That event no doubt provided valuable experience that the team will benefit from in the World Championships.

I also congratulate the Australian Handball Federation on its development program for young players. The value of this work is evident in the participation of the U/17 Girls Team in the New Caledonia tournament from 2 – 8 November this year and plans for an U/17 Boys Team to tour New Zealand soon.

I'm pleased that handball in Australia has continued to increase in popularity with the involvement of more players and supporters.

I encourage all Australians to get active – and handball is an excellent way to do that.

I wish all players an enjoyable and rewarding experience representing Australia in the exciting sport of handball.

KATE ELLIS MP