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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Liberals Congratulate AFL Sports Ready on 3000<sup>th</sup> Trainee !**

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Bruce Atkinson Liberal Party Spokesperson for Sport & Recreation has congratulated AFL Sports Ready on the employment of their 3000<sup>th</sup> trainee.

Established by Essendon Coach, Kevin Sheedy 10 years ago, the AFL Sports Ready Traineeship program encourages all young sports minded men and women aged between 16 and 20 years to venture into their chosen sporting career.

Organisations that have benefited from the traineeships include Australian Football League, Athletics Victoria, and Women's Golf Victoria.

The program has moved trainee number 3000, James Binney, one step closer to his wish to become a PE teacher.

Successful sporting identities such as AFL player Chris Nash, Corey Saliita and Jason Cripp have all completed the program, bringing skills and experience to their positions as leaders of our sports industry, by undertaking relevant certified training in their chosen fields.

Mr Atkinson offered his congratulations to the administrators of the program on the positive impact the traineeships have had on sport in Victoria.