



MEDIA RELEASE

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EELS FLAG FLIES HIGH OVER CITY

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Minister for Western Sydney David Borger and local Member for Parramatta Tanya Gadiel raised the Eels flag at a ceremony at Parramatta Town Hall today in advance of the NRL Grand final this Sunday when the Parramatta Eels take on the Melbourne Storm.

“It’s been 8 years since the Parramatta Eels were in a Grand Final (2001) and twenty three years since the Eels have won the grand final so I am really excited about the game this weekend.” Mr Borger said.

“The electrifying atmosphere in Western Sydney is truly contagious at the moment, we are really hoping for a win on Sunday.” Ms Gadiel said.

The Grand Final at ANZ Stadium is officially a sell-out. To meet demand, Premier Nathan Rees yesterday announced a live site at Parramatta’s home ground.

“Premier Nathan Rees announced yesterday that Parramatta Stadium is going to be open to the public so the community can come together and watch the game to support our mighty Eels.” said Mr Borger.

The Eels team are expected to arrive at the live site to greet fans after official proceedings conclude at ANZ Stadium.

“This is coach Daniel Anderson’s first year with the team. He has led an electrifying mid-season turn around. This is just the beginning of the winning streak – If this is the performance he can deliver in his first year, I’m sure they will go on and achieve great things again next year.” Mr Borger said.

“The atmosphere is simply electrifying, all around me I am seeing Eels’ flags in the window’s of people’s homes; shops; and cars. People are beeping as they drive through Parramatta.” Ms Gadiel said.

“This grand final is State vs State and we all need to get behind the mighty Eels. Win or lose, we are proud these boys call Parramatta home.”

“Raising the flag over our city is symbolic of our support and best wishes for our mighty eels this weekend. It’s going to be a great game and we are right behind them all the way.” Mr Borger said.

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