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Hunter ISC Trust briefs Minister on Stadium Construction

The Hunter International Sports Centre Trust today updated the Minister for the Hunter, Michael Costa on the progress of redevelopment of EnergyAustralia Stadium.

Hunter ISC Trust President, Ted Atchison said that the timetable for construction and awarding of the next successful tenderers for the Stadium redevelopment were at a critical stage.

He said any current delays to construction were absolutely minimal which had occurred with this week's rain interrupting some concrete pours.

Mr Atchison said that the Minister had assured the Trust that the NSW Government remained committed to assisting the construction timetable to ensure the Newcastle Knights' first home game of the season went ahead at EnergyAustralia Stadium on the weekend of April 16 -18. This would deliver a ground capacity of 20,000 for the Knights to also host the Anzac Test between Australia and New Zealand at the Stadium on Friday, April 23.

The Hunter ISC Trust will announce the successful tender for the new Eastern Grandstand superstructure within the next two weeks. Much of the steel and concrete pre-fabrication work for this element of the project would occur off-site which was now a common practice on major construction projects.

"The total Eastern Grandstand project, that is a fully outfitted and completed facility of world-class standard, remains on track for the start of the Knights' 2005 season," Mr Atchison said.

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