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# \$8m DEAL MEANS STADIUM WILL BE BUILT

ALP and Coalition have now both committed millions in funding

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WHICHEVER way the nation votes tomorrow, Mackay is guaranteed a football stadium.

After a frenzied day, ironing out last-minute details, Labor candidate James Bidgood yesterday trumped the Coalition Government by promising \$8 million for a football stadium if Labor is elected.

It means Mackay will get a stadium no matter who

wins the Federal election tomorrow.

However, as his hands shook and the grin failed to leave his face, it was obvious which offer Mackay and District Rugby League chairman Greg Sutherland was more excited about.

The \$8 million gift, \$2.5 million more than the Howard Government announced at the start of the election campaign, allows for the extras Mr Sutherland

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Labor candidate James Bidgood, left, and rugby league chief Greg Sutherland celebrate yesterday's announcement.

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