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Call for more sports fields to boost play

SPORTING teams are at a loss in the 2016 budget with as little as four per cent of funding dedicated to the development of sport and recreation.

Greater Springfield Storm AFL Club president Luke Playfair said his club had been around for more than six years and had moved between five fields in that time.

"The Greater Springfield community has many great aspects, but the lack of sporting fields is fast becoming an issue as clubs are starting to compete with each other instead of working together as a larger sporting community," he said.

State Labor MP for Bundamba Jo-Ann Miller said she supported clubs campaigning for more sporting fields.

"We need to have an active and healthy community and it is very important that our young people have the facilities available to play the sport of their choice," she said.

Councillor for Division 6 and deputy chair of the Ipswich City Council's City Works, Sport and Environment Committee Cheryl Bromage said council's ability to produce more sporting fields was dependent upon population growth.

"This is an issue faced by not only by the Ipswich Council but every other council and their growing populations," she said.

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