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Ballymore \$4.2m nod  
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STATE sports minister Judy Spence last night made a \$4.2 million promise to re-ignite the stalled Ballymore redevelopment with the building of a third field and a heated 25m pool.

It is a major coup, with Spence saying the commitment was ``signed off'' this week.

It starts filling the void left when the Rudd Government scuttled a \$25 million federal government pledge.

Spence made the announcement at last night's black-tie ball at the Sofitel Hotel where lion-hearted flanker David Croft signed off from his Reds career on a high by winning the Pilecki Medal for a second time.

Croft (195 votes) headed four-time winner Chris Latham (167), another departing Reds stalwart who showed his value despite missing four games through injury.

Croft also won the Best Trainer award, and the slashing Peter Hynes try against the Crusaders delivered the Konica Magic Moment of 2008 season.

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