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### **Woollam Constructions to build Mackay Stadium**

Woollam Constructions will add another key local project to its portfolio after being named the builder for the new Mackay Stadium.

Woollam Constructions will build the main grandstand, which the federal government is investing \$8 million as part of its 2007 election commitment.

Woollam Constructions Director Craig Percival said the stadium will be a sporting showpiece of official NRL standards and another significant project undertaken by the company in the local area.

'Woollams are proud supporters of local sports and we are thrilled to be involved in a project that will not only deliver a terrific facility to Mackay, but support local sport, create new jobs and inject thousands of tourism dollars into the local economy,' he said.

"The plans for a new stadium have been in the pipeline for some years and Woollams believe it's time a city of this size and with such a booming population had such a facility.

"This stadium will be a magnificent asset and a great source of pride for Mackay and the surrounding region.

"This is a significant project which will create around 50 jobs, and Woollams will be utilising the local building industry as much as possible.

"As supporters of many local sports including rugby league, both senior and junior, we get to see what so many volunteers including the mums and dads do each week to make their sport happen. To be able to build the stadium for these people is a great feeling."

Construction has commenced with completion due by January 2011.

The grandstand will have seating for 1,800 people and will be built to official NRL standards. It will include a broadcast box, corporate boxes, gymnasium, tunnel entry and parking.

The stadium will be the new home of the Mackay Cutters and be used by local junior rugby league teams.

"This stadium will hopefully attract NRL teams to Mackay," Mr Percival said.

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Woollam Constructions holds the mantle as Queensland’s oldest privately owned construction firm, last year celebrating 125 years of operation.

It has grown to be a major industry player with more than 170 employees across five regions in the Central West, Mackay, Rockhampton, Brisbane and Ballina.

The company has built some of Queensland’s most iconic buildings including the Breakfast Creek Hotel in Brisbane and the Stockman’s Hall of Fame in Longreach.

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