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That's not fair

WHY am I not surprised that the man behind the sports rorts affair, Senator Rod Kemp, has ruled out funding for the Oakleigh pool?

Because the arrogant Howard Government gives sports grants only to Liberal-held seats as pre-election bribes.

In 2004-05, federal Sport Minister Kemp gave out \$2 million in sports grants to mainly marginal Liberal seats.

This is despite the fact that there was no program, application or assessment process.

Of the 38 sports grants, nearly all went to marginal Liberal seats.

Incredibly, Victorian MP Fran Bailey's seat of McEwen got a total of 16 individual grants.

Yet every time I write to Minister Kemp to lobby for funding on behalf of local sporting organisations, he tells me there is no money available.

I call on the minister to show some sporting spirit and play fair.

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