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### AUSTRALIA CROWNED CHAMPIONS OF WORLD NETBALL

Australia has won their third consecutive Netball World Cup defeating New Zealand in front of a world record crowd at Sydney's Allphones Arena this afternoon.

Before 16,752 fans, the Diamonds triumphed over the Silver Ferns 58-55 winning their 11<sup>th</sup> world title.

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events and Minister for Sport Stuart Ayres has congratulated both sides on a fantastic tournament.

"Today we saw the Diamonds at their glittering best taking charge from the opening quarter. From Caitlin Bassett's 48 goals, to our rock solid defence from captain Laura Geitz and outgoing veteran Julie Corletto, Australia once again proved they are deserving champions of the world!" Mr Ayres said.

"The Netball World Cup has been an outstanding showcase for women's sport and it's been fantastic that Sydney has provided it such global focus for the past 10 days.

"Netball is a way of life for many families across Australia with women of all ages taking to the courts every weekend."

Netball World Cup Sydney 2015 was secured exclusively for Sydney by the NSW Government, through its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW, in partnership with Netball Australia.

"With 192 competitors across 16 countries, the Netball World Cup has been a fantastic showcasing once again why Sydney is the home of Australia's major events," Mr Ayres added.

Netball World Cup 2015 has provided a major boost to the local economy with 4,000 domestic and international visitors, delivering more than \$6 million to NSW in visitor expenditure.