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Senator Alan Eggleston

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Garrett loses the plot on heritage listing

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Labor Environment Minister Peter Garrett has revealed his “green at all costs” agenda for Australian industry with his latest announcement to list the entire Kimberley region as World Heritage, according to WA Liberal Senator Alan Eggleston.

“This is just another radical, irresponsible plan, concocted in the green and leafy offices of Sydney to pander to the populist green movement, regardless of the high cost on jobs and industry amongst the Kimberley communities,” Senator Eggleston said.

Senator Eggleston said the vast gas reserves off the Kimberley coast, as well as the iron ore and gold deposits, presented huge potential for growth in the Western Australian economy, including hundreds of new jobs for the local communities.

Senator Eggleston’s comments followed concerns from the Pastoral and Graziers Association that the plan would also severely damage the beef industry in Western Australia.

“Like many of the Rudd Government’s policy decisions, this is just another example of a lack of research and industry consultation when it comes to making big decisions,” he said.

Up to 17 Million hectares will be listed under Garrett’s plan, effectively stifling any new industry or growth in the region, and

“The potential for future employment opportunities in the Kimberley region is huge, particularly for indigenous people,”

“Andrew Forrest’s plan to provide 50,000 new jobs for indigenous people will be dealt a huge blow if Garrett’s heritage listing goes ahead,”

“Garrett’s plan is beset with problems, and will ultimately stifle new industry that could provide thousands of new jobs for these local communities that are struggling with the challenges of high unemployment.”

“The Kimberley region possess huge deposits of tin, gold, manganese, bauxite, gas and magnesium,”

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