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Senator Alan Eggleston

Liberal Senator for Western Australia

Gas hub deal looks set for sealing: Senator Eggleston

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Yesterday's Federal Court decision to exclude anti-gas campaigner Joe Roe from the Native Title claim at James Price Point will help make way for the proposed gas development to go ahead, according to WA Senator Alan Eggleston.

"This project will be an investment in the future of Indigenous youth, providing tangible skills and training and real, lasting jobs for young people," he said.

"If the Gas hub goes ahead, it will generate a profitable all-year round economy in Broome, easing the reliance on its 6 month tourist season."

The \$30 billion LNG project at James Price Point, north of Broome, has been subject to ongoing opposition; however the Kimberley Land Council now hopes to begin negotiations as soon as possible.

"The Kimberley Land Council can now work towards fast-tracking the development of the LNG precinct, in an area which desperately needs the training, jobs and wages it will create," Senator Eggleston said.

Senator Eggleston said the James Price Point gas development will help Indigenous communities in the North West to lift themselves out of a vicious cycle of abject poverty and unemployment.

"For too long we have allowed this project to be dictated by interest groups with little or no understanding of the extent of the problems being faced in Northern Australian Indigenous communities.

"We need to do away with the scare tactics being employed and objectively investigate the long term benefits this opportunity will bring to those so desperately in need," said Senator Eggleston.

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