



Media Release

Senator Alan Eggleston

Liberal Senator for Western Australia

Pollution Risk from James Price Point rebutted: Senator

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Liberal Senator Alan Eggleston praised the work of the Broome Chamber of Commerce in their handling of the Kimberley Economic Forum held in Broome this week.

“As someone who has lived and worked in and around the Kimberley and Pilbara, it is important that I attended to ensure positive communications with the local communities,” Senator Eggleston said.

Senator Eggleston said he was pleased that some of the controversial issues regarding the proposed James Price Point LNG precinct were put to rest.

The claim that “the deep blue skies” of the Kimberley would be replaced by clouds of pollution was rebutted by delegates who had lived in Dampier.

It was pointed out that there was no pollution from the Woodside/North West Shelf gas plant on the Burrup Peninsula except for the flame, burning off excess gas which did not affect the lifestyles of the people of Dampier and Karratha.

Senator Eggleston said that the LNG would transform employment opportunities in the West Kimberley by providing year round employment instead of the high and lows which are a feature of the tourism industry.

“Hopefully, the LNG plant will provide employment and trade training opportunities to young indigenous people and assist in overcoming the chronic underemployment of local indigenous people,” Senator Eggleston said.

Senator Eggleston was disappointed that there was not more of a focus on regional tourism at the forum.

“Most of the iconic attractions of the Kimberley such as the Bungle Bungles or Purnulooloo National Park are in the North Kimberley. I would have liked to have heard more about developing an integrated Kimberley wide plan for tourist development,” Senator Eggleston said.

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