



Media Release

Senator Alan Eggleston

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Kimberley's future is ripe with potential – Eggleston

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The communities of the Kimberley have a positive future ahead of them despite the problems they are facing today, according to WA Liberal Senator Alan Eggleston.

Senator Eggleston recently travelled across the Kimberley visiting towns including Broome, Derby, Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing, Kununurra and Wyndham.

“I have had the good fortune of meeting with the councils and business owners, as well as the local people that drive these communities, and see first hand some of the issues that the people of the Kimberley region are facing.

The Senator said despite witnessing the well known problems these remote communities are facing, it was the positive stories each town were keen to share.

“The local shire council in Derby have shown they are working hard to secure a rig tender base at Point Torment, a project that will bring new employment and an economic windfall to the Derby community,

“In a meeting with the Shire of Broome I expressed my support for the proposed gas hub at James Price Point. As the Kimberley Land Council has said, the gas hub will bring new employment and housing, as well as better education and health services for the surrounding communities.

“During my time in Kununurra and Wyndham, there was overwhelming local support for the upgrade of the Tanami Road.

“The 1000km access road that stretches from Alice Springs to Halls Creek is a vital transport corridor that benefits a great number of government, private and industry interests including Curtin Air Base, the Ord agricultural industry, Argyle and other mines, and the indigenous communities.

“An upgrade to the Tanami Road will provide new opportunities right across the North for tourism, agriculture, mining and many other private sector investments.

Senator Eggleston said he was encouraged to see the hard work the communities are doing to overcome their problems, but acknowledges more help is needed from the state and federal governments.

“In each town I saw first hand the problems that the local communities are facing, but also saw a number of truly visionary projects that will help secure the economic future of the Kimberley,

“With the right support from all levels of government, the Kimberley's future can be assured.”

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