



Media Release

Senator Alan Eggleston

Liberal Senator for Western Australia

Senator welcomes new Government and new future for regional WA

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WA Liberal Senator Alan Eggleston has welcomed the new Liberal/National Government, and congratulated incoming Premier Colin Barnett on bringing new hope to regional and rural Western Australia.

Senator Eggleston said he looked forward to working more closely with the new State Government in achieving better outcomes for the Northwest, Pilbara and Kimberley regions, with regional infrastructure at long last being the focus of government attention.

“The outgoing Labor Government made progress difficult on critical projects such as the Ord River expansion project, and the location of the Inprex gas project facility,” he said.

“In addition, the pleas over the years for improved community infrastructure and amenities which have been ignored by Labor will now be given proper recognition by the new Government.”

Colin Barnett set up the “South Hedland” enhancement scheme in the early 1990s during Senator Eggleston’s time as Mayor of Port Hedland.

“The new Liberal/National Government has answered the call of regional West Australians with a commitment to new policies on providing better infrastructure, creating new jobs and attracting new industry right across the state, not just in Perth,” he said.

Senator Eggleston said Labor’s coast to coast stranglehold on state governments had come to an end, and with it Kevin Rudd’s unopposed delivery of metro centric policies.

“Now we will have a State Government and a Premier who won’t be afraid to stand up to Kevin Rudd and his barrage of damaging new taxes, schemes and regulations that have put the prosperity of our rural and regional communities at risk,” he said.

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