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Senator Alan Eggleston

Liberal Senator for Western Australia

Senator joins with Halls Creek Shire in call to upgrade Tanami Road 19th March 2010

Western Australian Senator Alan Eggleston today again urged the Federal Government to support the upgrade of the Tanami Road between Alice Springs and Halls Creek in order to help unlock the vast potential of the Kimberley and provide a faster link to South Eastern Australia.

In February of this year the Senator tabled in Estimates the Tanami Road Economic Impact Study commissioned by the Shire of Halls Creek, which investigated the economic viability and effect of sealing the 702km track, which crosses two States and links the Kimberley to the South East of Australia.

The findings of the report reinforced the belief that sealing the Tanami Road would bring significant economic benefits to the region, namely assisting the cattle, mining and tourism industries, while simultaneously allowing for greater access to the North-West for defence personnel, ensuring greater security for the region and Australia as a whole.

“The Economic Study clearly outlines the benefits of investing funds into the Tanami. Along with the benefits it will bring to various industries in the region, with the improved transport route and shorter driving times, it will also allow for better access to indigenous, mining and defence services,” Senator Eggleston said.

“There is a desperate need to provide a more efficient, less taxing route between the East and West in Australia’s North and the upgrading of the Tanami Road will make this a reality.

“Such investment in regional infrastructure is necessary if we want to see the potential of industries in remote Australia realised.”

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