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## Senator Alan Eggleston

**Liberal Senator for Western Australia  
Chair of the Senate Economics References Committee**

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### Warmun floods a cultural tragedy: Eggleston

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West Australian Senator Alan Eggleston offered his sincere condolences today to the East Kimberley community of Warmun, which has been ravaged by historic monsoonal rain and flash floods.

The Kimberley community, renowned for its unique Aboriginal art, has been inundated with water, leaving residents homeless and destroying the Arts Centre and many culturally significant and valuable paintings.

“Our hearts go out to the Warmun people who fled with just the clothes on their back and have been told they may not be able to return home for a month because the damage is so extensive,” Senator Eggleston said.

“Many famous, internationally renowned Aboriginal artists hail from Warmun, and the damage to the Arts Centre and loss of artworks is truly a cultural tragedy.

“Federal funding now needs to be made available to help the community rebuild and avoid prolonged financial hardship in the region.”

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