



Media Release

Senator Alan Eggleston

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IF LIBYA CAN DO IT SO CAN WE: EGGLESTON

WA Liberal Senator Alan Eggleston today voiced his support for the proposed pipeline from the Kimberley to the south-west regions of WA.

Senator Eggleston said that, notwithstanding the views of Malcolm Turnbull, serious consideration should be given to the proposed pipeline which would greatly benefit a majority of West Australians.

"The water which this pipeline will bring down from the north could be used to create a valuable irrigation farming system in our state's south-west," he said.

"There is also the possibility that this new pipeline could be connected with the Kalgoorlie Pipe to direct more water to the often drought-stricken southern regions of WA."

Senator Eggleston pointed out that a similarly vital pipeline had been constructed in the North African country of Libya.

"In 1980 the Libyan Government began building 4 meter diameter pipelines running 1600 kilometres across the deserts of their country," the Senator said.

"The Libyan pipeline delivers 6.5 million square meters of water a day for the agricultural and personal use of the more populated coastal regions of that country."

Senator Eggleston said he believed a similar pipeline could be built in Western Australia.

"Surely with modern engineering technology, constructing a pipeline to bring water from the great rivers of the Kimberley and Pilbara to the south of WA is not outside the realms of possibility."

Senator Eggleston said he looks forward to future healthy debate on the issue.