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Bob Brown's narrow view on Kimberley LNG plant would cost indigenous jobs - Eggleston

WA Liberal Senator and Senate Environment Committee Chair, Dr Alan Eggleston, has dismissed claims from Greens' leader, Senator Bob Brown, that an LNG plant would compromise the Kimberley coastline.

Senator Eggleston, who has been associated with the Pilbara and the Kimberley since 1974, said it was narrow-minded for Senator Brown to overlook the significant economic boost an LNG plant would provide to the Kimberley region.

"I know that the current lack of industry impacts the economic viability of towns like Derby, creating problems with employment prospects and the standard of services like hospitals and education.

"An LNG plant would create more jobs, attract more people to the region, and help those already living in the North West to get access to more improved services.

"Additionally, there would be a significant boost to the employment prospects of indigenous Australians given the mining industry has a commitment to indigenous employment.

"Given the current crisis surrounding indigenous Australians living in remote areas, an LNG plant would help rectify many of the problems that are associated with indigenous unemployment in the west Kimberley."

Senator Eggleston stressed that an LNG plant would only occupy a small section of the Kimberley coastline and said it was blatant scare-mongering to suggest the entire coast would be compromised by one LNG plant.

"The benefits an LNG plant will provide to the Kimberley far outweigh any minor alterations it may cause and I believe Senator Brown really needs to look at the bigger picture here."