



Save the Nature of the Kimberley

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2008/09 WA Election – Key Policy Asks

Freshwater

1. By 2010, introduce legal measures to protect the Fitzroy River for the long-term.
2. By 2012, provide legal protection for the ‘wild rivers’ of the North Kimberley.

Broad-scale protection for the Kimberley

1. Support national heritage listing for a large part of the West Kimberley by 2010 and extend this to World Heritage Listing here and in other parts of the Kimberley by 2012.
2. Support only such development for the Kimberley as meets all the criteria for sustainability and is compatible with protecting its natural values. This may preclude support for Browse LNG and other industrial development in the region.
3. Support a Kimberley Parks and Protected Areas Forum to be held in 2009.
4. Support a significant increase in the area included in the National Reserve System, including a mix of protected area types and a diversity of management regimes such as marine parks and reserves; State nature reserves and national parks (jointly managed with Indigenous people); Indigenous Protected Areas; World Heritage Areas; and protected areas under private ownership (e.g. Australian Wildlife Conservancy).

Biodiversity Protection

1. Continue implementation of the recommendations of the EPA Review of Fire in the Kimberley and Other Rangeland Regions of WA (EPA Bulletin 1243).
2. Provide an *additional \$250 million* for biodiversity protection initiatives in the Kimberley during the next four years including support for Indigenous Ranger Groups; threatened species and threatened ecological community protection; weeds eradication and control; feral animal eradication and control, e.g. cane toads and donkeys, and desert region ferals such as cats and camels.

Climate Change

1. By 2009, provide funding to monitor climate change impacts in the Kimberley as part of a broader Kimberley Climate Project aimed at developing local adaptation, mitigation and emissions reduction strategies.
2. From 2009 on, provide a major increase in funding for renewable energy initiatives for the Kimberley, e.g. solar power in remote communities.
3. Protect the savannah woodland from broad-scale land clearing and too-frequent wildfires.

Appropriate Development

1. In 2010, support the establishment of a community-based Kimberley Environmental Excellence Network (KEEN) that will act as a knowledge hub for education, research and networking on environmental issues in the region.
2. Establish systems and structures to promote, assist and support new and existing sustainable and appropriate enterprises such as ecotourism and cultural tourism; bushfoods harvest; organic agriculture; and carbon credits from wildfire management and woodland and grassland protection.
3. In 2009, provide funding for the development of a Kimberley Regional Sustainability Plan.