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New Environment Minister snubs environmentalists on his first trip to the Kimberley

New State Environment Minister Bill Marmion has failed to meet with Broome-based environment organisation Environs Kimberley in his first visit to the Kimberley as Environment Minister. His media release says he is here to meet 'key stakeholders' to discuss the Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy.

"Environs Kimberley is the leading environmental organisation in the Kimberley and certainly a 'key stakeholder' in the region. We're mystified as to why the new Minister has failed to take up our invitation to meet with him to discuss the many environmental issues on the political boil up here," Environs Kimberley Acting Director Emma Belfield said today.

Two significant matters are out for public comment at present – the Browse LNG Strategic Assessment Report, and the proposed marine park at for Camden Sound.

"We sought a meeting with the new Minister in December, and again in January to discuss these and other important matters. We have not yet had a reply to either of these requests, nor were we advised of the Minister's visit this week. We understand that the Minister is busy coming to grips with his new portfolio, but we are very disappointed that he has not taken the opportunity to meet with us during his visit to the Kimberley at this critical time," Ms Belfield continued.

"If the Minister, and the Barnett government, are serious about protecting the Kimberley's environment, then Mr Marmion would do well to introduce himself to Environs Kimberley, the longstanding environmental organisation of the region, and listen to our concerns," Ms Belfield concluded.

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