



WA Labor supports a ban on fracking – Premier Cook and the WA Government next

We've been standing with the community for thirteen years to protect the Kimberley from invasive gas fields and fracking. Traditional Owners have been at the forefront of the struggle. Communities in the Fitzroy Valley, in Broome and to the south and on the Dampier Peninsula, as well as Aboriginal Corporations and Nations, have stood steadfast in this fight to stop pollution of their lands from an industry that has caused so much damage in places like the US.

At last, the West Australian Labor Party has recognised the will of Kimberley communities and people and now has a ban on fracking in its policy platform.

We thank Labor members, supportive unions like the United Workers Union and Australian Manufacturers Workers Union, Labor Environment Action Network WA, and Members of Parliament who ensured this matter was raised and supported.

This would not have happened without the support of the good people in the Fremantle electorate, the candidates at the state election who advocated for a fracking ban in the Kimberley and our thousands of supporters across WA and the rest of the country – thank you.

The partnership approach of the Environs Kimberley and Lock the Gate teams alongside Traditional Owners and Custodians has been an outstanding example of how to protect Country. The support of other conservation groups along the way has also been vital.

This is another move in the struggle to ban fracking in the Kimberley. We now have to translate WA Labor Party policy into WA Government policy. This is not going to be easy.

We are expecting the WA EPA recommendation on the fracking proposal by Texan company Black Mountain Energy to be announced soon. We will look for avenues of appeal if they get a green light. We will need the support of as many people as possible from the legal fraternity, science community and communications and media experts. We thank every supporter, philanthropist and grant provider for enabling us to get to this point.

STOP PRESS

Cambridge Gulf in the east Kimberley is under threat from a sand mining proposal. Check our website for updates and actions coming soon.

We will win but it's going to be a prolonged, hard fight to protect the Kimberley from fracking.



Outside the WA Labor Party conference, Fremantle. Photo: Wendy Mitchell / Environs Kimberley



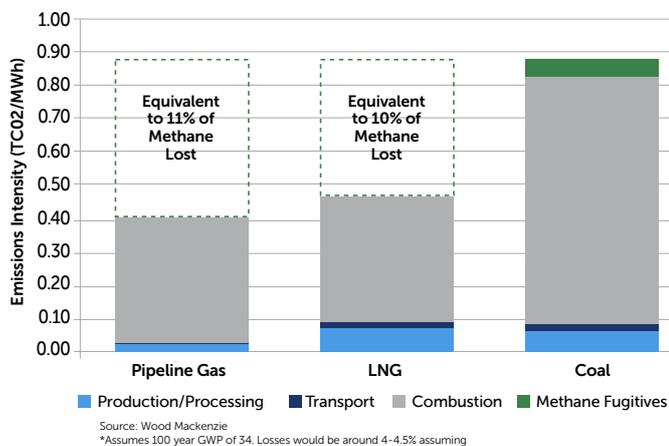
Report from the Chair

Carmel Leahy

Christmas Crackers

Christmas cracker jokes are almost upon us. Did you hear the one about gas? It's a transition fuel. Get it? Neither do I.

Gas won't solve our energy challenges. It will exacerbate them. While being acclaimed as a low-carbon fuel, Liquefied Natural Gas, LNG actually emits significant amounts of methane—a harmful greenhouse gas 80 times more powerful at trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide¹. Further, there are significant risks that the infrastructure needs of gas exported to Asia will crowd out alternative solutions².



EK is pushing back against the misinformation spewing forth from a fossil fuel industry in its death throes and governments in denial. With the help of you, our members, other stakeholders and generous donors we are standing strong to protect the Kimberley from the push to bulldoze gas fracking sites across the land and drill rigs around Scott

Reef. The Martuwarra Fitzroy River continues to occupy a special place in our work. It is threatened with fracking as well as industrial scale agricultural proposals that would stifle the floodplains by drawing large amounts of water out of the system.

As well as pushing back against threats EK is working alongside the Kimberley Land Council and other Traditional Owner groups and custodians to support rangers in their critical work caring for Country. Aboriginal ranger programs are a fast-growing source of employment in the Kimberley. As well as protecting biodiversity the ranger groups provide stability and resilience to the communities they serve. As climate change accelerates the spread of pathogens, invasive species and natural disasters, Aboriginal rangers bring adaptive fire management practices, long-term ecological knowledge, and community trust to their work. We value the opportunity to work alongside rangers and thank our partners, funding groups and donors who make this work possible.

Stable communities are resilient communities. A conservation economy allows people to stay on and care for Country, work alongside their family and earn a living. Our new property at 9 Farrell Street has provided space to develop infrastructure to support the Wattleseed Collective and other community group ventures. Funding from grants and donors has helped us provide training and assistance.

We have an opportunity to usher in a new economy. A community-driven, environmentally responsible economy. EK is grasping this opportunity and running with it. As 2025 draws to a close I want to thank you, our members and supporters for your belief in our work. We would not have an EK without you. A special shout out to the philanthropists who have generously supported our work. It does require money and as you read the following reports, you'll see your donations have been put to good use by our marvellous team.

And finally, before I sign off: What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? A Christmas Quacker! Have a quacking good festive season and we'll be with you again in 2026.

¹ Wood Mackenzie - Beyond the headlines: What the data says about Australian LNG vs coal emissions
² ABC News - Claims secret gas decarbonisation report 'doctored' by WA government to support net zero narrative

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Executive Director's Report

Martin Pritchard

One quarter of the way into the 21st century and the fight to protect the Kimberley from industrialisation is intensifying.

Conservation work is becoming urgent as climate change puts pressure on threatened species and whole ecosystems. The Kimberley being so remote, with Perth more than 2,000 kms away, and a lack of government support for community scale economic development, living and working on Country is not easy. These are the big challenges we've been continuing to work on in 2025.

We've worked hard this year to continue to make EK fit for purpose. Improving our governance at the Board level, finalising our strategic plan, increasing capacity in the philanthropic space and bringing in a new co-leadership model for the organisation have been significant achievements. The game-changing move into our own property has given us newfound freedom to engage the community even more.

As we continue to strengthen our foundations to support our work, staff and board, our focus has not wavered from our purpose of protecting the Kimberley.

Crucially important are our relationships in the region and beyond. Aboriginal corporations, the Land Council, communities, art centres, conservation groups, civil society organisations, unions and supportive members of parliament are all vital for success when it comes to protecting the Kimberley, and we continue to deepen and broaden our connections.

Given our broad gamut it's not always straightforward to detail our impact, but we can say there's no fracking; water is safe in the Martuwarra and Scott Reef is not surrounded by oil and gas wells.

Our work across the desert is showing the importance of appropriate fire regimes and harvesting wattleseed brings in a good income for the work done. We're continuing to refine our impact measurement.

As the wet opens we look forward to the wild electric storms, sea breezes, the explosion of new life and the transformation of the landscape as we celebrate all that is so special about the Kimberley.

Thanks so much for all your support this year and we look forward to protecting the Kimberley next year with you. Rest up, it's going to be hugely challenging.



The EK team: looking forward to protecting the Kimberley with you in 2026.



Operations Director's Report

Liam Wright

EK's teams have been busy as we head into the end of the year, across Campaigns, Kimberley Nature Projects and Sustainable Communities.

At our Annual General Meeting, we launched our new Strategic Plan 2026–2029. Our work has only just begun to bring this plan to life as it guides us into the future and strengthens EK's ability to carry out its important mission.

In Kimberley Nature Projects, we've farewelled Hamsini, whose work on the Sandy Desert Fire and Biodiversity Project has strengthened understanding of fire and its impacts on desert biodiversity. We're grateful for her contribution and look forward to building on her work as we enter a new stage of growth and welcome new team members.

Through Sustainable Communities, we've wrapped up this year's wattleseed harvest season and want to say a big thank you to all the members of the Wattleseed Collective who rolled up their sleeves to make it possible. Last year, the Wattleseed Collective contributed approximately \$16,000 back into the community.

Our Campaigns team has been pushing back on the myth of gas as a transition fuel and standing with communities opposing fracking, offshore gas around Scott Reef, and threats to the Martuwarra Fitzroy River. At a recent Labor event in Perth, we joined community members to make sure decision-makers heard, loud and clear, the call to ban fracking and we're pleased to say that push was successful. Thank you to everyone who helped make that happen.

All of us at EK are looking forward to 2026 as we continue our work to protect this special place, the Kimberley.



Harvest Highlights



Julie Scullion

The past few months have been a time of growth and collaboration for Environs Kimberley and the Sustainable Communities team.

After hitting the ground running as EK's Sustainable Communities Program Coordinator, it's been great to get to work building strong connections with ranger groups, schools and community programs across the Kimberley to share knowledge about wattleseed, its uses and the possibilities that come with being involved with the Wattleseed Collective! A major highlight has been time spent on Country with the Nyangumarta Womens Rangers, where we learned about local plants and traditional wattleseed collection techniques. These hands-on experiences strengthened relationships and allowed us to exchange valuable skills, supporting the continuation of traditional knowledge and sustainable harvesting practices.

Yawuru Country Managers have been busy harvesting seed around Broome and our team collaborated with Karajarri rangers in Bidadanga, cleaning their wattleseed harvest together at La Grange Remote Community School, and engaging students in hands-on activities. Students participated in seed cleaning, practising sieving, crushing, and sorting techniques. Together we cleaned over 15 kilograms of seed, providing a tangible outcome alongside an engaging learning experience for students.

Our school outreach has continued to grow, with visits to Bayulu Remote Community School and primary schools across Broome. Students learned about the wattleseed life cycle, how to identify, pick and harvest seed, and the importance of looking after Country. At some schools, we combined learning with creativity through drawing activities and even made hedgehog cake - a fun way to celebrate wattleseed as a bush food. We were also joined by the Walalakoo Junior Rangers, who took part in harvesting and cleaning activities, gaining valuable practical skills and a deeper appreciation of native plants.

Across Broome, we worked with the Skill Engineers through the Kimberley Bush Gardens program, as well as TAFE students, to harvest and clean wattleseed. Over several sessions, the team collected multiple bins of seed and learned practical techniques for extracting, sieving, and grading seed, including A-grade seed for food use. Participants even used some of the seed to bake homemade biscuits, combining cultural knowledge with hands-on learning.

Together, these projects showcase the strong partnerships between Environs Kimberley, Aboriginal ranger groups, schools and community programs. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue building partnerships to grow the Collective and its work, supporting educational workshops, and sharing knowledge about native seed collection, cleaning and use.



Nyangumarta rangers and Traditional Owners on Country with Sustainable Communities Program Coordinator Julie Scullion.



Karajarri Rangers sustainably harvesting wattleseed on Country.



Environs Kimberley Senior Project Officer Holly demonstrating wattleseed harvesting techniques.



Wattleseed ready for harvesting.



Environs Kimberley Project Officer Victor harvesting wattleseed.



Hundreds rally for a Frack Free Kimberley at WA Parliament House

Shaun Clark

On 9 September 2025, hundreds of Frack Free Kimberley supporters gathered outside Western Australia's Parliament House in Perth to demand a ban on fracking in the Kimberley.

Enviros Kimberley supporters were joined by supporters from Lock the Gate Alliance along with Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Coalition and the Conservation Council of WA. The protest coincided with the first sitting day of parliament and focused on the Valhalla gas project, proposed by Black Mountain Energy, and calling for a legislated ban. Black Mountain's project would involve drilling and fracking up to 20 wells in the Martuwarra Fitzroy River catchment, an area of cultural and environmental significance. We fear this could open the door to thousands of wells across the Kimberley, threatening water sources, wildlife, air pollution, huge climate changing emissions and the industrialisation of the west Kimberley region.

Traditional Owners' speeches moved the crowd. Mangala Martu Traditional Owner Nuriah Jadai told the crowd that fracking risks contaminating springs and waterways vital to their culture and survival. Campaigners also raised concerns about radioactive wastewater, toxic chemicals, and greenhouse gas emissions linked to the project.

The protest is the largest anti-fracking action at the WA Parliament since 2018, when the state government banned fracking in the Perth, Peel and South West regions, along with the Dampier Peninsula, but left most of the Kimberley open to this toxic industry. A legislated ban is essential to safeguard the region's globally significant landscapes and cultural heritage.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) is currently assessing Black Mountain's Valhalla proposal, with its recommendation expected before the end of the year. An appeal period will then be open for 21 days. A separate federal review under the EPBC Act is also underway and the public will have another chance to submit into this process.

We will continue to campaign until fracking is permanently ruled out and a legislated ban is put in place to protect the Kimberley from this industry, just as the WA Government has implemented in the South West.



Traditional Owners Nuriah and Madeline Jadai travelled the length of WA from the Kimberley to the rally. Photo: Wendy Mitchell.



Janet Holmes à Court calls for a Frack Free Kimberley. Photo: Reifanzo Photography.



Frack Free Kimberley rally at WA Parliament House. Photo: Reifanzo Photography.



Supporting Indigenous-led wetland work in the Kimberley

Dr Michelle Pyke

Wetlands are the lifeblood of the Kimberley – places of deep cultural meaning, rich biodiversity, and community connection.

Kimberley Traditional Owners and their ranger teams are dedicated to caring for wetlands, although these wetlands face growing pressures from climate change, weeds, feral animals, and water development. For more than a decade, Environs Kimberley has worked alongside The University of Western Australia (UWA) and Kimberley ranger teams to strengthen Indigenous-led care for these freshwater places. We are now expanding this partnership through the National Environmental Science Program (NESP) Resilient Landscapes Hub with the Wetland Monitoring and Management Toolkit.

The toolkit will be a publicly available guide offering practical tools for planning, doing and reviewing wetland monitoring. Based on the work of Kimberley ranger teams, the toolkit is founded in three key principles:

- **Start with Country priorities** – work with ranger teams to use Healthy Country Plans as the foundation for wetland work.
- **Make monitoring a full cycle** – ask the right questions, choose monitoring tools that fit, and set up systems for managing and using data to feed back into management.
- **Weave knowledge systems** – consider Indigenous knowledge and Western science as separate, equally valid ways of knowing, that together provide a fuller picture of wetland health.

Yawuru Case Study

One inspiring example is the Yawuru Environmental Services Unit, who run two programs:

- **Bilarra (wetland) monitoring**, and
- **Piezometer monitoring** of groundwater across the Yawuru Indigenous Protected Area.

Recently, Yawuru Country Managers worked with EK and UWA to formally review both programs. These reviews helped the Yawuru team reflect on and interpret data using science and Yawuru knowledge, and helped clarify next steps for management. The partnership is also producing Standard Operation Procedures in field-friendly formats to support the Country Managers' on-going monitoring, along with other support. By combining technical support with Yawuru knowledge, these processes are building skills and confidence for Yawuru to manage and adapt their programs independently into the future.

The Toolkit celebrates stories like this, along with practical, tested tools, strong partnerships, and Indigenous leadership in caring for wetlands.

We'd like to acknowledge the Toolkit program supporters including the NESP Resilient Landscapes Hub, and Yawuru project supporters: the WA State Government (Aboriginal Ranger Program) and the WA State Government Natural Resource Management Program.

Learn more about the Toolkit: environskimberley.org.au



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Romaniah Hunter at Tharndoo-Ngunjal (Lake Campion) with a poster summarising monitoring and management actions at this place. Photo: Mark Cowan.



Vaughn Lee, Cole Corpus, Rebecca Dobbs (UWA), Chase Pigram (sitting), Gaydar Lawford and Lyall Pedro discussing monitoring at Mimyagaman. Photo: Mark Cowan.



Tassal's barramundi fish kill – a threat to the Kimberley

Wendy Mitchell

The Kimberley coast is among the top 4% of the most intact coastlines in the world, and is National Heritage listed, yet it's under pressure from foreign-owned company Tassal that operates sea cages for barramundi farming in the Buccaneer Archipelago. Recently, images of hundreds of dead fish floating on the surface of a sea cage at Tassal's barramundi pens at Cone Bay in the Kimberley emerged.

This horrific fish kill event had been unfolding for several weeks. Shipments of dead and rotting barramundi from Cone Bay arrived at Derby Port before being transported two hours by truck and dumped at the Broome rubbish tip. The rotting tubs of fish carcasses were enough to make people vomit. Monitoring of Tassal's vessels showed they made several trips from the Cone Bay facility to Derby and unloaded an estimated 100–150 tonnes of dead, rotting barramundi.

The Cone Bay barramundi farm's proposed expansion is located inside the Mayala 'A' Class Marine Park, an area rich in biodiversity, including vast coral reefs and a refuge for migratory humpback whales. Tassal is currently seeking approval from the WA EPA to expand with 84 new cages. The WA Environment Minister Matthew Swinbourn will make the final decision on this expansion of the Cone Bay barramundi operation, which could happen within the coming year.

This is not the first time Tassal has faced intense public scrutiny. Their Tasmanian salmon operation has been under immense pressure following a series of environmental and animal welfare breaches over recent years. Now we are seeing this legacy emerge in the pristine waters of the Kimberley.

We have launched a petition calling on Minister Swinbourn to halt operations at Tassal's Cone Bay facility so that an independent investigation can determine exactly what caused this mass fish kill event and the impact this intensive fish farming operation is having on the marine environment. We are also calling on the Minister to reject Tassal's application for the additional 84 sea cages.



Scan here to sign the petition to Minister Swinbourn



A loader dumping dead Cone Bay barramundi in the Broome rubbish tip.



Tassal's sea cages with dead barramundi on the surface.



Pods being unloaded from a truck filled with dead, rotting barramundi.

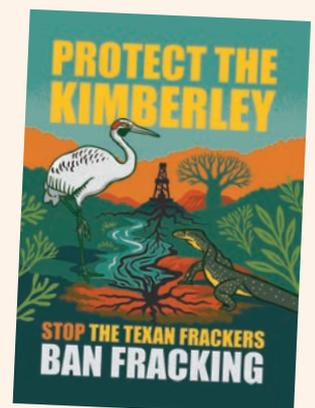


Tassal's Cone Bay barramundi dumped at the Broome rubbish tip.

Frack Free Kimberley – yard signs

We've created a new yard sign for the Broome community, and we hope you'll come and grab one for your fence. As the battle against the Texan frackers continues to heat up, we want to celebrate the incredible nature and beauty of the Kimberley and make it clear that the wider community does not want to see fracking in our region.

Drop into the Environs Kimberley office and pick one up for your fence or front yard. We can't wait to see them all over town!





Wonderful worms and seagrass in hot water

Alex Gibson

Last month, I had the opportunity to fly to Perth to attend a marine polychaete (worm) taxonomy course at Murdoch University, led by senior curators and scientists from the Australian Museum and Museums Victoria.

Participants learned how to recognise Australian marine worm families during a series of lectures and practical laboratory sessions, covering worm ecology, physical form and reproduction.

Freshly collected and preserved specimens were provided, and 'BYO' worms were also welcomed! I brought along Broome's common mudflat dweller, the green paddle worm. This worm is sometimes mistaken for *Phyllodoce novaehollandia*, however inspection of the worm's throat organ revealed it was in fact *P. malmgreni*.

The training was an opportunity to expand networks, meet scientists and fellow worm enthusiasts, and gain skills in worm identification to enhance our understanding of benthic ecosystems.

Next time you are exploring mudflats or reefs, take a closer look at our worm friends down there. You'll notice intricate details in worm forms and functions. There is much we are yet to learn!

While in Perth, I also attended a seagrass marine heatwave response working group meeting at Edith Cowan University. This was an opportunity for scientists, government, Traditional Owners and community groups from across WA to discuss how to coordinate responses in the event of marine heatwaves impacting seagrass.

The meeting highlighted knowledge gaps around how our Kimberley seagrasses might respond to marine heatwaves; for example, what is the highest temperature our species can withstand?

We look forward to learning more about ways of protecting our region's seagrass meadows in this rapidly changing climate.



A lab full of worm expertise: Anna Murray and Chris Glasby (the Australian Museum), Andrew Hosie (Western Australian Museum), James Tweedley (Murdoch University), Elena Kupriyanova and Pat Hutchings (The Australian Museum), Ana Hara (Western Australian Museum), Robin Wilson (Museums Victoria). Photo: Alex Gibson.



Look at the long chetae (hairs) of this fire worm (family Amphinomidae). The name comes from the pain inflicted if you get one of these hairs on your skin! Photo: Alex Gibson.



Terebellidae – found on coral reefs and within seagrass beds, often living within a hard tube. Here you can distinguish their curly red gills from their long feeding tentacles. Photo: Betty Yu, Murdoch University.



Volunteer Spotlight

Astrid Gerrits

How long have you been a volunteer with EK?

I have been a member and supporter of Environs Kimberley for over 15 years, and I started volunteering at the market stall mid-2024. After supporting tree planting, mulching or weeding events on and off over many years I have recently joined the SKIPA seedling group.

What motivated you to start volunteering with us?

I volunteer with EK because of our shared purpose, to protect the nature of the Kimberley. I believe that EK is the most essential environmental organisation in Broome and the Kimberley.

What volunteer roles have you undertaken elsewhere?

I have a busy 2026 ahead, as I will be on the committee of both Incredible Edible Broome and Wasamba, Broome's carnival drumming group. Over the years I have been involved with many local organisations including Yawardany Jan-ga and the Broome North Reference Group.

What keeps you coming back?

Honestly, it's the sense of shared purpose—it really means a lot to me. I love getting my hands in the dirt with people who care about the same things, I have met so many lovely people



over this time. I'm always learning something new about plants and animals, which makes it even more enjoyable.

What impact has volunteering had on your life?

Volunteering has had a huge impact on my life. It enables me to contribute to things that matter the most to me. I benefit from volunteering in the garden on many levels. There, I am in the moment, I give back to the earth, and it gives back to me.

What advice would you give to someone thinking about volunteering with EK?

Choosing something that feels meaningful to me makes the experience so much richer. Volunteering isn't just about the tasks; it's about connecting with people, creating friendships, and standing for something together. It's a great way to make connections and build a strong sense of community, especially if you're new to the area. Of course, there are seasons for everything in our lives — just give what you can, when you can.

Would you like to get involved? Whether you are a local or someone visiting, we have plenty of opportunities for you to join in. Get in touch via our website

www.environskimberley.org.au/volunteer or email us at community@environskimberley.org.au

Shifting the dial in 2025 – lessons learnt

Martin Pritchard

What an incredibly tumultuous year 2025 has been. Globally, we're in a big mess with the international rules-based order thrown out of the window and more failed international climate change negotiations at the COP in Brasil. Domestically, the Albanese Government missed an historic opportunity on nature protection and there's no sign the fossil fuel industry is slowing down to prevent propelling us to a catastrophic 2.6°C heating, rendering life on vast swathes of Earth uninhabitable and the end of organised society. The WA Cook Labor Government is in sync, championing the cause of fossil fuel companies and actively seeking weaker environmental protection to fast-track projects.

There is hope on the clean energy front, but it's going to take everything we have to stop the oil and gas juggernaut, particularly fracking in the Kimberley and drilling around Scott Reef.

While there's chaos all around us, it's vitally important we understand the fossil fuel industry has been given open slather by governments, and their profits continue to rise unabated. Woodside and Black Mountain Energy have no thought for the wellbeing of future generations; all they think about is the profit of today.

So how do we untether our government's umbilical attachment to the fossil fuel industry? If there's a light on the hill, see what happened in Fremantle earlier this year at the State Election. Our joint campaign with Lock the Gate and the community shook the foundations of the WA Labor Party to the core. Two hundred and seventeen votes could have lost the seat to an independent candidate. For the first time in years, there was a threat to a Labor seat in WA, not from the Opposition, but from the community.

Given we know the Cook Government must be dragged kicking and screaming to do anything to protect the environment from industry, particularly the oil and gas industry, Fremantle showed them they need a rethink. It sounds cynical but it's true: political parties care most about winning seats. This is one place we know change can be made.

As we head into 2026, the 2029 State Election feels a long way off, but if we want a ban on fracking in the Kimberley, we must remain laser-focused on what we know shifts the government – the community stepping up and taking on the establishment. We have no choice but to continue this journey. We ask you stay the course with us. Together, we win. Have a great festive season and thanks so much for your support in 2025.



Labor nearly lost its prized Fremantle seat by 217 votes in March.

Northern Australia Conservation Alliance - Australia's Great North Conference 2025

The nature of Northern Australia has never been under such serious threat. Climate change, industrialisation, wholesale destruction of ecosystems and rivers as well as rampant fossil fuel proposals, including fracking, make the future bleak; so that's why we're fighting back.

Australia's Great North Conference in Garamilla (Darwin) in September was a showcase of celebrating Country, the environmental struggles for justice and how communities have won or are fighting back.

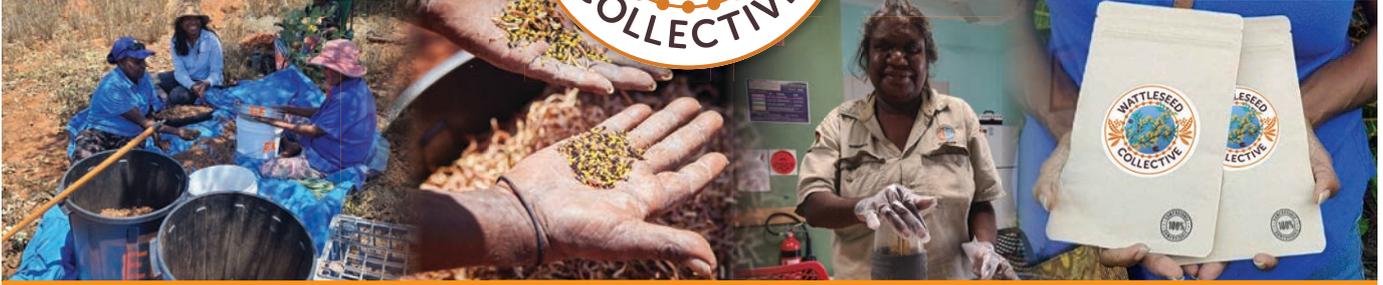
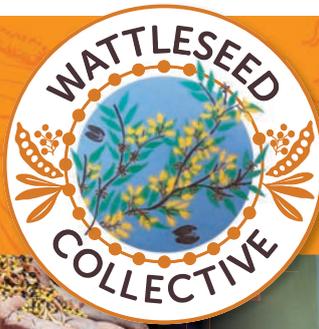
We've formed the Northern Australia Conservation Alliance with the Environment Centre NT, Cairns and Far North Environment Centre and Arid Lands Environment Centre.

More than 250 delegates from all over Northern Australia and the South enjoyed the highly successful conference and vowed to continue the work to protect Australia's great North.

Check out the conference statement on our website and stories on our social media.



Australia's Great North Conference 2025.



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Thank you Hamsini

Hamsini Bijlani joined EK as an ecologist in 2020 to work on the Dampier Peninsula Monsoonal Vine Thickets and Karajarri Pirra Jungku Projects.

She went on to lead most of our on-ground work in the desert including the Sandy Deserts Fire and Biodiversity Project, the Ngurrara Jila and Jumu Project and desert threatened species projects. She supported Aboriginal ranger groups delivering workshops, providing training and technical scientific support for designing, planning and carrying out surveys, and supporting data management.

Hamsini was valued for her work with culturally-informed monitoring, grant writing, project development, communicating results back to groups and the broader community, as well as her logistics and fieldwork skills. She also stepped up to become a Program Coordinator for the Kimberley Nature Project.

Smart, kind, friendly and professional, Hamsini was appreciated and valued by everyone at EK, as well as our partners, with whom she quickly developed a wonderful rapport.

We thank Hamsini for her years of brilliant work and the positive impact she has had. We will miss her and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.



Welcome Julie

We are delighted to welcome Julie Scullion to the EK family!

Julie's international upbringing inspired her passion for supporting communities and conserving the environment. She holds degrees in International Social Development and has been involved in a range of community and conservation projects. Outside work, she enjoys gardening, silversmithing, and birdwatching. Julie is leading the Sustainable Communities team, helping to strengthen the Kimberley's conservation economy and support local social initiatives.



The next generation of EK

We were so excited to see Sofia dressed as an EK ecologist for her *Dream Job School Disco!*



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