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Kimberley icons targeted for fracking

Call for withdrawal of new fracking leases

Conservation group Environs Kimberley is calling for newly issued fracking leases in sensitive areas of the region to be withdrawn. One lease covers two national parks – Windjana Gorge and Tunnel Creek – and two conservation parks – Devonian Reef and Brooking Gorge. Another lease covers the Margaret River that flows into the Fitzroy.

“These parks are world famous for their incredible beauty, and environmental, historical and cultural importance. We can’t believe the Department of Mines and Petroleum have put leases for fracking anywhere near places like this,” said Environs Kimberley Director Martin Pritchard.

“We’re calling on the Minister for Mines Sean L’Estrange to withdraw these leases before companies waste time on putting in bids. There is no doubt that any attempt to frack in these areas will be met with widespread opposition,” Mr Pritchard said.

“We’re also calling on the Department of Mines and Petroleum to hold open public meetings in Broome and Fitzroy Crossing so that communities have an opportunity to ask questions about what’s being proposed for their country.”

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