



# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **Brolga's Environment discovers oil in the East Kimberley**

Local environment organisation Brolga's Environment has been awarded a \$20,000 State Government grant to turn East Kimberley cooking oil into bio-diesel.

Kimberley MLA Carol Martin said the money from the Community Grants Scheme would help 'lubricate' the exciting project.

"As we prepare to confront the challenges of climate change, we must think more carefully and innovatively about what we use and how we can reuse it," Mrs Martin said.

"This exciting project will be a big step in reducing our environmental footprint on this precious part of the world."

Brolga's Environmental Scientist Ruth Duncan said waste cooking oil in the East Kimberley was currently transported to Perth or Darwin for recycling, at a considerable cost – to both those involved and to the environment.

"This project will mean we can recycle the cooking oil locally to produce high quality bio-diesel suitable for use in vehicles and stationery diesel motors," she said.

The plant will be constructed and run locally with community members trained in production and educated about the use of bio-fuels and bio-diesel.

It is anticipated that the project will lead to further waste management projects suited to remote communities in the future.

Environment and Climate Change Minister David Templeman said more than \$750,000 had been awarded to organisations around the State in the recent round of grants from the Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme and the Community Grants Scheme.

"This is on top of more than \$5million in waste reduction grants that we distributed last year," he said.

"The Carpenter Government is acting now for the future by taking the levy collected for all waste dumped in urban landfills and using it to support waste reduction and recycling initiatives around the State".

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