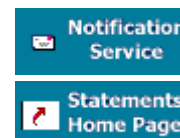


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Aboriginal Groups Benefit from the Burrup

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Aboriginal groups in the Pilbara have today received \$4million from Premier Alan Carpenter under one of the most significant land use agreements in Australia.

Speaking in Karratha today, Mr Carpenter said the funding was one of the first benefits to flow to the Ngarluma Yindjibarndi, Yaburura Mardudhunera and Wong-goo-tt-oo people under the historic Burrup and Maitland Industrial Estate Agreement, signed in 2003.

The Premier said the Aboriginal groups had established the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation to represent all the indigenous interests.

"The Burrup and Maitland Industrial Estate Agreement is an historic agreement, designed to provide indigenous people with an economic future and protect the heritage and environmental values of the region," he said.

"The Aboriginal groups now have the potential to establish a sound economic base and ensure their future in the regional economy.

"I congratulate the Ngarluma Yindjibarndi, Yaburura Mardudhunera and Wong-goo-tt-oo people for putting in place the appropriate structures that have now allowed the benefits to flow to the community."

Mr Carpenter said the agreement would bring a range of benefits to the Aboriginal groups including:

- an important role in the management of the northern Burrup peninsula through the co-managed conservation reserve;
- education and training opportunities;
- a key role in heritage protection through heritage surveys of the industrial and non-industrial land; and
- financial benefit from industrial development through ongoing rental payments from companies.

The agreement, between the State Government and the Aboriginal Groups, has also enabled the release of land for industrial and commercial development on the Burrup Peninsula and in and around Karratha.

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