

## Media Release

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### **Engaging with the Kimberley community**

Buru Energy is today officially launching its community engagement program, *"Because this is home"* which focuses on the Kimberley community.

"With all Buru Energy's activities solely focused on the Canning Basin, the Kimberley is home to us and we take our community responsibilities to heart," said Buru Energy Managing Director Dr Keiran Wulff.

"We aim to establish long term and sustainable relationships with the community, now and for future generations.

"We want to let you know what our plans are. And we want to find out how we can work with the community to achieve the best outcomes for everyone," Dr Wulff said.

To date, Buru Energy's activities have largely focused on oil exploration in the Canning Basin which covers an extensive area east of Broome. Buru Energy's interests cover a gross area of just over 100,000 square kilometres which is about the size of England.

Dr Wulff said Buru Energy hoped to start testing for gas in the next year but any activity would only take place following a successful environmental approval process and comprehensive consultation.

"Before we do anything more, we want to hear from the community, share our plans and talk about how we can work together," he said.

"We're encouraging people to contact us to register their interest to receive an information kit, to find out about upcoming information sessions, and receive regular updates from us."

He said that up until now, much of Buru Energy's Kimberley community engagement had been with Traditional Owners and the broader indigenous community.

"As we look towards future opportunities, Buru Energy is committed to engaging with the overall Kimberley community as well as Western Australia as a whole," Dr Wulff said.

He said engagement with the broader Kimberley community would include a series of information sessions to be held at various locations in the Kimberley region, as well as separate presentations to community and business organisations.

Buru Energy is also engaging with schools in Broome, Derby and remote areas throughout the Kimberley, providing presentations and supporting school initiatives, as well as offering scholarships.

Dr Wulff said that in the past year, Buru Energy had progressed engagement with indigenous communities in the Canning Basin and had good working relations with Traditional Owners.

"We're creating jobs and helping build skills among communities. We're also motivated to building capacity of local indigenous businesses as a way of investing in the future sustainability and viability of local communities.

“We’ve established a dedicated Traditional Owner liaison team, we’ve developed cultural awareness training for all Buru staff and contractors, and we’re recruiting environment and heritage monitoring personnel through Environmental Science Cadetships, in partnership with Broome TAFE.

“These are just some examples of how we’re engaging with and supporting local communities. Buru Energy wants to be an industry leader for how it engages with indigenous communities.”

For more information on Buru Energy’s **“Because this is home”** community engagement program, please visit [www.buruenergy.com](http://www.buruenergy.com) and follow the links to the Community Engagement page. The direct link is <http://www.buruenergy.com/our-approach/community-engagement/>

You can also email Buru Energy [community@buruenergy.com](mailto:community@buruenergy.com) or phone the Buru Energy Community Information Phone Line on 1800 002 156 during office hours.

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