

Media Release

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Information session for Broome community in January

Buru Energy is holding its first information session in Broome on 22 January 2014 to inform the local community about its proposed exploration program for tight gas in the Canning Basin.

It is the first of a series of community information sessions to be held in the Kimberley's main regional centres including Broome, Derby, Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing.

Buru Energy Managing Director Dr Keiran Wulff said the information sessions formed part of an extensive and long term engagement program involving Traditional Owners, the broader indigenous community, pastoralists, community and business organisations, schools, and now the general community.

"Up until recently, our engagement has focused on individual groups or portions of the community. By including information sessions into the mix, we're ensuring our engagement in the region is now reaching all segments of the community," Dr Wulff said.

"We want to be certain the community has the chance to be well informed about our plans, openly share information about our proposed activities and be responsive to community interests and feedback," he said.

"Our recent engagement with community groups, business organisations and schools throughout the region has been encouraging. Everyone is keen to know more about the tight gas industry overall, what Buru Energy's plans are and how everyone can get involved," Dr Wulff said.

In 2014, subject to regulatory approvals and extensive community consultation, Buru Energy will undertake an exploration and appraisal program to help understand the commercial potential of the Canning Basin's tight gas resource which is held in the Laurel formation, 3,000-4,000m below ground.

The gas embedded in the Laurel formation is known as tight gas as it requires stimulation to allow it to flow from the rock formation. This stimulation is carried out using hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking.

The Canning Basin has been touted as having the potential to become the largest onshore natural gas resource in Australia.

"Our focus is to contribute to the economic prosperity of the Kimberley community through partnerships and other opportunities, with an emphasis on Traditional Owners and indigenous communities. And we will achieve this by protecting the environment and the local community," Dr Wulff said.

The information session in Broome will be held 2.00pm-5.30pm, 22 January 2014, at the Broome Civic Centre. The date had initially been set for 17 December, but has now been shifted to 22 January.

The format for the session will be an informal “open day” style, with people able to come and go as they wish throughout the session to view static displays on Buru Energy’s proposed program. Buru Energy representatives will be on hand to provide details about current and future activities, and answer any questions.

Visit www.buruenergy.com/engage to find out more about Buru Energy’s community engagement program and the proposed pilot exploration program for tight gas in the Canning Basin (TGS14).

Also visit <http://www.buruenergy.com/brochures/> to view the Buru Energy information brochure which provides an overview of the tight gas industry and Buru Energy’s plans.

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