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## **Contract awarded for East Kimberley Development Package**

### **Portfolio: Regional Development**

The development of East Kimberley took another step forward today with the announcement of the managing contractor to design and build \$92.3million in education and health projects in the region.

Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said John Holland would be the managing contractor for the projects, being co-ordinated by the State Government with Commonwealth funding.

“The State Government has met a major milestone with the awarding of this contract, which will see health and education services transformed in the East Kimberley,” he said.

“The contract includes a \$48.5million upgrade to the Kununurra Education Precinct; a \$9million upgrade to the Kununurra TAFE complex; and more than \$32million in health infrastructure development.

“These projects will deliver tangible benefits to East Kimberley and help create stronger, more vibrant and sustainable local communities into the future.”

Under a national partnership agreement, the State and Federal governments are addressing social inclusion and indigenous disadvantage in the region.

As part of the contract, John Holland will be required to work with local businesses and the indigenous community to develop an Indigenous Participation Plan.

“This project overall has a strong focus on achieving indigenous outcomes,” the Minister said.

“The contractor was chosen having demonstrated success in achieving indigenous outcomes through construction projects and will ensure indigenous participation in the projects.

“By engaging the local community, the project will help ensure greater indigenous employment outcomes and the development of services will go a long way in helping close the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous people in the region.”

Under the contract, each works package will be delivered in a two-stage process consisting of a planning phase (Stage 1) and a delivery phase (Stage 2).

Construction of the projects is planned for 2010-12.

### **KIMBERLEY DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROJECTS AWARDED TO JOHN HOLLAND**

\$23.7million primary school upgrade, including refurbishing existing classrooms; adding four new classrooms and associated support facilities; a new specialist arts room; activity space; a new kindergarten room; and a new sports hall to be shared with the secondary school

\$18.8million secondary school upgrade, including a new general classroom block comprising six classrooms with an Education Support Classroom and activity/computer area; a specialist block with a multimedia classroom; food technology and textiles areas; refurbishment of the existing science block and the old library; and a new covered area and canteen to be shared with the primary school

\$1.9million expansion of the shared school/community library which will also provide meeting rooms for adult literacy programs and other community activities

\$4million teacher training facility to provide professional development support for teachers throughout the East Kimberley

A further \$2.3million has been allocated for community meeting room projects which will deliver four community meeting places, one in Kununurra and three in the remote communities of Kalumburu, Oombulgurri and Dawul. This project will provide a safe and inviting environment and allow locals to maintain and reconnect with learning in areas such as health, cooking and information technology.

**Training projects:**

\$9million Kununurra TAFE complex upgrade, including the expansion of trade training areas and the construction of purpose-built classrooms fitted out with fixed IT and audio visual equipment as required; two new classroom blocks consisting of two classrooms in each block; and a new double-size classroom in the trades area.

**Health projects:**

\$20million Kununurra Hospital expansion, including construction of new facilities for primary health and general practice services, including child and maternal health, chronic disease prevention and management, health promotion and community mental health, and clinical education and training facilities

\$4.5million health clinic at Warmun, an Aboriginal community 195km south of Kununurra, including consultation rooms; dialysis facilities; a pharmacy and medical store; and accommodation for visiting specialist staff

\$4million short stay patient facility providing much needed accommodation for patients travelling to Kununurra for medical reasons, such as renal dialysis, oncology, cardiology, obstetrics, gynaecology and paediatrics, will accommodate up to 16 people in eight bedrooms with ensuites, shared communal living space and a live-in caretaker

\$4million for Remote Aged Care Facilities, including \$2.5million Remote Aged Care facility in Kalumburu, including construction of a new Home and Community Care facility which will provide day time respite activities; and \$1.5million Remote Aged Care facility upgrade in Warmun, including enhancements to the dining/activity room, laundry storage, covered walkways and accommodation block, as well as upgrades to the kitchen, ensuites and laundry.