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WA Greens Member Robin Chapple MLC again calls for a state-wide fracking ban after new projects for the Kimberley announced

WA Greens Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region, Robin Chapple; MLC, is demanding that the State Government extend the prohibition of fracking to the entirety of WA.

The comments were made in response to plans, announced by Black Mountain Energy in *The West Australian* this week, to open 6 fracking operations in WA's Kimberley, in opposition to highly vocal protests by key community stakeholders.

Mr Chapple spoke generally of fracking as an "wasteful risk" when considering the necessity for the state to transition to green energy to bring about a sustainable economic recovery.

"We know fracking's dangers. We know gas will not have a place in energy in 50 years, and we know we need sustainable, renewable investment for our economy now"

"The states willingness to ban fracking in areas across WA shows that even they feel there is a legitimate concern...so why the half measures for these unprotected locations?"

Mr Chapple also responded to the hinted potential for the cross-country transport of WA gas - requiring a west-to-east pipeline - as "ludicrous".

"They're asking for millions in handouts for an infrastructure project that will be redundant in a few decades when this government realises there is no future in gas or coal...but by then it will be too late"

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