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## WA Greens MP Robin Chapple moves to disallow fracking bill

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Greens (WA) member Robin Chapple of the mining and pastoral region has moved to disallow the amendment to the “Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act” currently before state parliament.

After the removal of the moratorium on fracking the amendment would see the Dampier region excised from potential future coal-seam operations.

However, Mr Chapple claims Mark McGowan’s Labor government did not follow its own protocols in consulting with indigenous stakeholders before establishing the proposed excised areas in the region.

“I will always support the rights of indigenous communities to have a say in what happens to their land and to this extent I cannot support any legislation that they were not consulted on.”

Mr Chapple went on to reaffirm his belief in working with regional communities to the fullest extent of the law.

“We have a duty to the original custodians of this land to see their voices heard and learn from the invaluable wisdom they have as a resource more precious than anything big mining wants to get its hands on”.

“The Labor government has again suggested that they know the wants and needs of rural Australia better than the communities there and they need to be made accountable.”

“Whilst I relentlessly fight to end the devastating practice of fracking, I will do so with the whole of WA on board, to do anything other than that would be a slap in the face to communities already fighting for their livelihoods.”

Yours sincerely,



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