

Ord Expansion Project

The Ord East Kimberley Expansion Project is a major joint State and Commonwealth initiative to double the Ord irrigation area into a world-class agricultural precinct by developing a further 14,000ha of land for irrigated agriculture and improving economic and social conditions in the East Kimberley region.

As part of the project, the Department of State Development is working with Federal Government agencies to allocate and manage Commonwealth funding of \$195 million for key community and economic infrastructure including investment in education, health, housing and community services, and in transport infrastructure.

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The Ord-East Kimberley Expansion Project will double the size of the Ord irrigation area in the far north of Western Australia to 28,000ha to enable the expansion of agricultural production and provide major opportunities for sustainable economic and social development in the Kimberley region.

The \$415 million Project includes:

- \$220 million of State Government funding for developing agricultural infrastructure includes irrigation infrastructure, roads, power and telecommunications.
- \$195 million committed by the Commonwealth Government, subject to a joint Commonwealth/State assessment, to develop social infrastructure such as schools, housing, hospitals and early childhood facilities with investment also in Kununurras airport capacity and Wyndham Port.
- Opportunities for Indigenous people in the East Kimberley to benefit from the project, through training, employment, business development and improved community facilities.

State and Commonwealth agencies are collaborating to finalise the scope of the project and refine costings.

The Department of Local Government and Regional Development has primary responsibility for the Ord-East Kimberley Expansion Project

<http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/RegionDev/RforR/Ord.asp>

The Department of State Development is working with the Commonwealth Government to allocate and manage the Commonwealth funding for key community and social infrastructure projects that will be delivered over the next two years.

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