Minister to discuss Mines, Pearls and Agriculture in Perth

Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources Minister, Kon Vatskalis, is in Perth today to promote investment in the Northern Territory.

Mr Vatskalis will meet with a range of stakeholders including representatives from Minemakers - the company that plans to develop its Wonarah Phosphate deposit located approximately 250 kilometres east of Tennant Creek.

“Exploration and mining are key drivers behind the Northern Territory’s economic growth, and my role as Resources Minister is to promote further investment in the Territory,” said Mr Vatskalis.

“Minemakers is one company that is very serious about the Territory. Various feasibility studies commenced in 2008 and are progressing well, identifying a capital cost for the project of $107 million.”

The Minister will meet with the Western Australian Minister for Fisheries seeking closer co-operation regarding our pearling industry which occurs in both WA and NT waters.

Mr Vatskalis will also meet with the Western Australian Agriculture Minister to discuss the Ord River Project.

“While the initial expansion for this project is to take place in Western Australia, it does provide opportunities across the border, particularly for Katherine which could become a freight hub,” he said.

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