SEWING THE SEEDS FOR WEALTH AT NORTHERN AUSTRALIA FORUM

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Government ministers from across Northern Australia are in Kununurra for the Northern Australia Ministerial Forum.

The meetings will focus on primary industries and the future of northern Australia.

Primary Industry Minister, Willem Westra van Holthe, said the forum was an excellent opportunity to discuss the expansion of the Ord River Project into the Northern Territory.

"Development of the Ord Project on the Northern Territory side of the border is a huge priority for our Government," Mr Westra van Holthe said.

"There is huge potential for this project; our government wants to invest in the future and build wealth for Territorians.

"This project has the potential to generate significant wealth for the Northern Territory economy.

"There is a possible 15,000 hectares of prime agricultural land within close proximity to the Ord irrigation and canal network.

"I am committed to working with our Commonwealth and West Australian Government colleagues to develop this project."

Mr Westra van Holthe is joined at the forum by Chief Minister Terry Mills and Indigenous Advancement Minister Alison Anderson.

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