Beazley: Alice must have rail

Opposition Leader Kim Beazley flew into Alice Springs yesterday and declared the town would only be a goer if the rail link to Darwin went ahead.

Mr Beazley said it would be a shame if the town "missed this opportunity".

The rail link would change the picture of tourism and the pattern of distribution of products from Asia.

Mr Beazley said: "The place (Alice) won't go unless you get it (the railway) and that's the truth."

Plans by a private consortium for the Australian Inland Rail Expressway — to cost about $8.8 billion — are already well advanced.

Mr Beazley was speaking on the first day of a week-long NT tour. He will meet with Aboriginal leaders at Yuntianna today before flying to Darwin.

He will attend a community function at Minidi Beach tonight, before leaving tomorrow for Port Keats and Bathurst Island.

On Thursday, Mr Beazley will meet with Territory Labor leader Graeme Martin before flying to Gove. He will attend the Garma ceremony.

On Friday, he will attend the Katherine Show before flying to Yulara. After meeting with traditional owners on Saturday he will tour Uluru National Park before returning to Perth.

Brawl leaves three dead, four men in custody

Crime Stoppers

Four men are in custody following the death of a woman in Horrobooda last Saturday night.

Superintendent Vanderlin of the CIB said yesterday a preliminary post-mortem showed the 47-year-old woman died after a blow to the left side of her face from a blunt instrument which ruptured her heart.

Supt Vanderlin said four men were still being interviewed by detectives today at Alice Springs and Cairns and were expected to be charged.

Feud

The woman, who was killed when a feud exploded into violence at the Yuntianna community, was passed to the Technical Support Group in Darwin on June 1 along with the CIB detectives.
Beazley: Alice must have rail

Opposition Leader Kim Beazley flew to Alice Springs yesterday and declared the town would only be a goer if the rail link to Darwin went ahead.

Mr Beazley said it would be a shame if the town missed this opportunity.

The rail link would change the picture of tourism and the pattern of distribution of products from Asia.

Mr Beazley said: "The Alice (Beazley won't go unless you get a line up the railway and that's the truth.

Plans by a private consortium for the Australian Inland Rail Expressway - touted about $8.5 billion - are already well-advanced.

Mr Beazley was speaking on the first day of a week-long NT tour. He will meet with Aboriginal leaders at Yuendumu today before flying to Darwin.

He will attend a community function at Minilya Beach tonight, before leaving tomorrow for Port Keats and Bathurst Island.

On Thursday Mr Beazley will meet with Territory Labor leader Clive Martin before flying to Gove, where he will attend the Garma ceremony. On Friday he will travel the Kathuktuk to Bathurst Island to return to Darwin.

After meeting with traditional owners on Saturday he will tour Uluru National Park before returning to Darwin.

Mr Beazley at the Centralian Advocate in Alice Springs yesterday.

Brawl death: 4 men held

Four men are in custody following the death of a woman in Borroloola last Saturday.

Superintendent Vanderlin of the Springs CID said a preliminary post-mortem showed that a 47-year-old woman died after a blow to the left side of her face which ruptured an artery.

Supt Vanderlin said four men were still being interviewed by detectives today at the police station.

Feud

The woman was killed when her feud erupted into a battle at the Yanyuwa community.

Four Tactical Response Group police from Darwin flew the community on Friday along with the NT police from Alice Springs.