

Transitioning Regional Economies study

Productivity Commission
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Submission to Transitioning Regional Economies Study

Dear Commissioner Lindwall,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you last week in Perth during your visit as part of the Transitioning Regional Economies study and to discuss the nuances of your initial findings into this complex topic, along with our exploration of issues through the lens of regional Western Australia's context.

As mentioned during our meeting, NAJA Business Consulting Services (NAJA) has recently completed a study of land tenure issues in the Kimberley region, as commissioned by the Kimberley Regional Group of Councils (KRG). This report explores land tenure issues in the region and potential strategies to unlock the economic potential that exists on pastoral leases and reserved and unallocated crown land, in particular facilitating quicker and easier access to strategic land and water assets.

KRG has recently engaged NAJA to consult with stakeholders regarding this report with a view to gaining momentum on implementing the strategies outlined in the report. Based on our understanding of the land tenure issues across Northern Australia, we consider it likely that the strategies laid out in the report may well have relevance across regions. Adoption of these strategies across regions has the potential to make a significant difference to the viability, sustainability and innovation of industries that rely on land accesses in Northern Australia, as well as benefiting traditional owners and regional communities.

As part of this submission, we provide the full report for your consideration and welcome any further enquiries in relation to the proposed strategies.

Kind Regards,

Paul Rosair
Principal