A note from Alan on the WA Senate election

Dear friend,

The WA Senate election re-run has been called for Saturday, April 5 and is critical for Western Australians and our Party.

It will determine whether WA gets a strong Liberal Senate team to deliver a better deal for WA, or whether WA will continue to be hurt by Labor’s anti-WA Carbon Tax and Mining Tax.

The Liberal Government continues to deliver for WA and we need to once again return three WA Liberal Senators to the Senate.

One of the best ways you can help our WA Liberal Senate Team consisting of David Johnston, Michaelia Cash, Linda Reynolds and Slade Brockman is by volunteering your time.

If you can provide any assistance in the Durack electorate it would be greatly appreciated if you could email liberalparty.durackdivision@gmail.com.

Minerals Resource Rent Tax repeal

On Tuesday I spoke in the Senate on the Mineral Resources Rent Tax (MRRT) repeal legislation.
This anti-WA tax has been held responsible for increasing the sovereign risk of investment in Australia and has led to international miners diverting their investment to other parts of the world.

The Labor government conceived this tax in secrecy as a result of a deal with the big three mining companies: BHP, Rio and Xstrata.

In July 2010 we were told the tax would raise an estimated $10.5 billion over the first two years - but nothing could be further from the truth! Later, in the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook document of that year, revenue was downgraded quite substantially, by $3 billion, to $7.4 billion.

In the 2011 budget, however, the revenue from total tax raised magically increased to $7.7 billion in the first two years - this is projected revenue and to $11.1 billion for the first three years. But these projections proved to be quite wrong. In fact, the tax delivered just $232 MILLION dollars when the original promise from Labor was, as I have said, some $6 BILLION in this year alone.

If Labor and the Greens have any credibility, they will not be the parties with no sense and they will vote to repeal this mining tax.

To read my speech in full, please click here.

**Liberal Senate candidate visits the Pilbara**

Last Friday Melissa Price MP, Federal Member for Durack, and I took the opportunity to taking Liberal Senate candidate, Linda Reynolds to the Pilbara.
The visit included meeting with the CEO and President of the Roebourne Shire and also with Felicity Gilbert from the Pilbara Development Commission.

The visit was an excellent way for Ms Reynolds to gain a greater insight into current issues in the Pilbara, and in particular Karratha.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Alan Eggleston
Senator for Western Australia