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WA's resources sector supported at least 100 Kimberley businesses and 25 community groups in the past financial year.

Data released last week by the Chamber of Minerals and Energy Western Australia revealed the organisation's member companies directly contributed \$183 million in 2020-21 to the Kimberley economy through wages, rates and business payments.

That pales in comparison to the Pilbara, where iron ore companies, oil and gas projects and smaller miners

pumped \$1.8 billion into the region's economy last financial year.

CME WA policy and advocacy director Rob Carruthers said gas developments and new metals discoveries would help the Kimberley's resource sector reach the maturity seen in the Pilbara and Goldfields.

"There are some operations that have been going there for a period of time but nowhere near the scale of the Pilbara, so you don't see the same supply chain established yet," Mr Carruthers said.