

Turnbull in Perth on mission

Federal Environment and Heritage Minister and water tsar Malcolm Turnbull arrived in Perth last night to star at a Liberal Party fundraiser for Swan candidate Steve Irons.

But it is understood the Sydney millionaire's real mission is an attempt to take the gloss off tomorrow's \$387m Kwinana desalination plant opening by Premier Alan Carpenter.

At a separate announcement at about the same time, Mr Turnbull is expected to offer \$6.3 million to help improve water in the Wungong River system at Armadale.

He will also fly to the Burrup this morning to inspect Aboriginal rock art threatened by a major on-shore gas facility.