

Energy firm begins talks with traditional owners

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A Japanese energy company with interests in the Browse Basin has begun discussions with traditional owners.

Inpex Holdings is looking at possible sites for a gas processing plant - one of those being considered is an island in the Bonaparte Archipelago, north of Broome in northern Western Australia.

The company expects to produce about five to six million tonnes of liquified natural gas a year from its Ichthys field off the Kimberley coast.

A spokesman for Inpex, Shaun Kildare, says the company's initial discussions with traditional owners have been positive.

"The traditional owners are significant stakeholders in the project, and as with all the stakeholders, we are endeavouring to make early contact with them to introduce ourselves and understand what their potential role in the project may be," he said.