

Govt will help Japanese firm develop Kimberley gas project

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A Japanese energy company has been offered assistance from the Federal Government agency, Invest Australia, to help it develop a gas project in the Kimberley.

Inpex plans to invest \$6 billion in the project, to develop their gas field in the Browse Basin and construct a new offshore liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility off the Kimberley coast.

The Maret Islands in the Bonaparte Archipelago have been earmarked as a possible location for the gas processing plant.

A spokesman for Invest Australia, Mark Durrant, says they will provide guidance to Inpex in all stages of development.

"It will help them to streamline some of the approval processes that their project will need to go to, and will enable the Commonwealth to introduce them to Australian suppliers," he said.

"If there are any other issues that may arise when they're doing their project, well we can bring that to the attention of various policy areas in the Government."