

# Gas a mistake

I WATCHED with amazement the ABC's documentary on the Browse Basin (10/11), and our Shire president (Graeme Campbell)'s extensive support.

The idea of placing a large refinement plant on Dampier Peninsula to process LPG from the offshore works and extending pipelines through whale breeding grounds amazes me.

There is so much focus on saving the environment and climate change, yet along come the politicians and the business interests who of course reassure us that it's all going to be fine to continue to practise unsustainable energy production.

Working in Aboriginal health, I continuously learn about connection with and respect for land, especially in the Kimberley, one of the last great expanses.

Here in Broome we have some of the largest tides in the world. We could easily harness this energy with current technology (Scientific American, September, 2006, p 86; Marine current turbines using underwater propellers etc).

These could be low impact, sustainable and the energy they produce could easily supply Broome and possibly be converted to hydrogen for transport to major centres.

I hope that Broome, and all Kimberley people, will support a region that can be an example of sustainability and intelligent long-term planning, rather than a playground for multinational business and laughable politicians.

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