

Shortage to kill \$1b project

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THE international backers of a proposed \$1.2 billion fertiliser plant on the Burrup Peninsula have threatened to take the project interstate or overseas because they cannot lock in gas supplies amid fresh calls for the State and Federal governments to intervene to avert a looming domestic gas crisis.

Oswal Group chief Pankaj Oswal said the company had hoped to build the ammonia urea plant near its exist-

ing \$700-million Burrup Fertilisers plant in the North West but was forced to look elsewhere because it could not secure long-term gas supplies in WA.

"It's become impossible because there's no gas to start with," he said. "If someone can get gas right now, well hats off to them because the Government is giving it all away to LNG production.

"We'll move to where the gas is available."