

Large LNG plant earmarked for WA's Kimberley

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The remote, uninhabited Maret Islands off Western Australia's far north Kimberley coast have moved a step closer to becoming home to a multi billion dollar liquified natural gas project.

Japanese energy company, Inpex, has chosen the islands as the preferred site for its LNG plant, which will process gas from the Browse Basin 200km away.

Other gas companies, such as Woodside, are also eyeing off the region, but Inpex is now ahead of the pack after signing a Heritage Protection Agreement with the islands traditional owners.

To mark the occasion the Wanambal Gambera people and Inpex executives took a helicopter ride to the Maret Islands for a traditional smoking ceremony.