

# Conference puts spotlight on Kimberley resources development

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A conference to discuss plans to develop gas fields in the region's Canning Basin and the challenges of expanding the resources industry in the Kimberley, begins in Broome today.

Mining companies and contractors will join government agencies to discuss exploration, development and investment in the resource rich north-west.

Offshore oil and gas development in the Canning Basin will be the starting point for today's discussions, but the controversial Browse Basin development is not on the agenda.

The major players in Browse, Woodside and Inpex have confirmed they are not attending the conference.

Delegates will also hear presentations on tidal energy development and plans to expand the Broome Port.

The conference runs over two days and tomorrow delegates will discuss the region's accommodation crisis.