

# Environmentalists worried about gas project competition

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Environmentalists fear competition for a major gas project in the Kimberley will result in rash decision making from the Western Australian Government.

Inpex is among several companies hoping to tap into the gas in the Browse Basin and the Northern Territory is campaigning to have the Japanese firm's gas processed there.

The NT's Chief Minister, Paul Henderson, is flying to Paris this weekend for talks with Inpex's joint venture partner.

The WA Government is hoping Inpex will process its gas in the Kimberley but, if it did so, the company would have to quarantine 15 per cent for domestic use.

Mr Henderson says there will be no such restrictions in the NT.

Maria Mann from Environs Kimberley fears the competition could encourage the Western Australia Government to make rash decisions.

"We're continuing to work on [the] Government to make sure that they do make the right decision," she said.

The Northern Development Task Force is yet to announce its preferred processing sites.