

# 'Olympic village needed' if Inpex comes to Darwin

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There have been calls in the Northern Territory's Parliament today for an Olympic-style village to house the thousands expected to arrive in Darwin if a \$12 billion gas plant is approved.

The Territory Government says Inpex would hire 4,000 workers to build its plant and there would be significant indirect jobs.

The ABC understands the total influx could be between 10,000 and 15,000 people.

Independent MLA Gerry Wood outlined his solution in Question Time.

"Would Government consider building an Olympic Games-style housing complex at Weddell for the construction workers?" he asked.

The homes could later be sold to low income earners.

The Chief Minister showed little enthusiasm but he did repeat his now familiar suggestion that the Territory Opposition Leader was jeopardising the investment through implicit opposition.

The Opposition insists it supports the gas plant.