

Govt to be grilled over Inpex deal, in estimates

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Opposition leader Terry Mills. (Jack Kerr)

Planning Minister Delia Lawrie is set to face intense questioning from Opposition members in parliamentary estimates today over planning arrangements for Darwin Harbour's Middle Arm Peninsula.

The Government has been criticised by the CLP and the independent member Gerry Wood on its decision to move the approval power for the industrial expansion in Middle Arm from the development consent authority to the Planning Minister.

The decision came as Japanese company Inpex carried out assessment work for a multi-billion LNG plant.

Mr Wood says the Government must provide a better plan on future development in the Harbour.

He says he will also question Delia Lawrie on the future of the bio-fuel plant in light of rising palm oil prices.