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NT ups ante for Inpex's \$12bn gas plant

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Western Australia's chances of being selected as the host of Inpex's \$12 billion liquified natural gas plant have been put at risk after the Northern Territory today called an early August election.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson today said he's called an early August election in order to secure the Japanese gas plant.

Mr Henderson had until this time next year to send territorians to the polls and had maintained his Labor government wouldn't call an early election without good reason.

He says he's decided on an August 9 poll to give Japanese oil and gas giant Inpex certainty on its proposed project.

Inpex is currently weighing Middle Arm in Darwin harbour against a site in WA for the plant.