

# McLeod throws support behind Inpex planning taskforce

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Palmerston Mayor Robert Macleod says he supports the CLP's idea to form a bi-partisan taskforce to plan for the social, environmental and economic impacts of a multi-billion dollar gas plant earmarked for Darwin.

Japan's Inpex last week named Darwin harbour as it's preferred site for a new gas plant.

The CLP want a bi-partisan taskforce that includes mayors, the Chamber of Commerce, the Property Council and other non-government agencies formed to plan for the social and environmental impacts of the plant.

Mr Macleod says its the right move, because the plant will have big impacts across the Top End.

"We must start attacking this now because before it starts coming at our doorstep.

"We've got to know exactly where the camps are going to be, how it will affect Palmerston and Darwin and Litchfield.

"I think it is a smart idea to get a taskforce up and running."