

Premier Colin Barnett suggests gas pipeline

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A TRANSCONTINENTAL pipeline could be built from the North West Cape to link the eastern states with Australia's largest natural gas field, West Australian Premier Colin Barnett said yesterday.

Mr Barnett said it struck him as odd that Australia did not use more of its abundant gas. "Obviously the way to do that is to have a transcontinental pipeline constructed," he said.

"Pipelines basically are used from Siberia to Europe. They have criss-crossed the American continent for decades. Why in Australia can't we make some ... engineering-based solutions to greenhouse emissions?"

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