

WA may still benefit from Ichthys: Moore

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WESTERN Australia could still benefit from Inpex's Ichthys liquefied natural gas project if the Japanese major builds a supply base for the project in the state.

The *ABC* quoted WA Minister for Mines and Petroleum Norman Moore as saying he was confident Inpex would want to build its supply base for the project in the Kimberley.

"If the company proceeds with its project which we hope it will, then there is a possibility that they'll require a supply base somewhere in the Kimberley and we'll wait to see what they have in mind for that," he said.

"Clearly having a supply base in Darwin is just too far away."

Inpex had in September selected Blaydin Point at Darwin's Middle Arm Peninsula as the preferred site for its LNG plant, saying this provided the company with the certainty needed to meet its schedule of shipping LNG in late 2014 or early 2015.

Ichthys has been assessed to hold 12.8 trillion cubic feet of gas and 527 million barrels of condensate.

The \$20 billion two-train project is expected to initially produce more than 8 million tonnes of LNG as well as 1.6 million tonnes of LPG per annum and 100,000 barrels of condensate per day.



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