

Activists rally against Kimberley gas hub

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A group of 30 Aboriginal and environmental activists have blocked the entrance to the Beagle Bay community, north of Broome, to prevent Government representatives from entering.

Members of the Government's Northern Development Taskforce had planned to enter the community to discuss a proposal to build a natural gas hub in the area.

Locals say they've been sidelined during the Government's consultation process and remain opposed to the hub proposal.

They want the project put on hold until the community considers the impact of the proposal.

However the Premier Colin Barnett remains confident that locals will eventually come on board.

"The development of an LNG site on the Kimberley will not impact adversely on the environment," he said.

"It will provide an economic opportunity, particularly for indigenous Australians living in that area."

Mr Barnett has warned he will bypass the consultation process and acquire land for the processing hub if an agreement with traditional owners can't be reached.