

KLC accuses Govt of leaking documents

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The Kimberley Land Council (KLC) has accused the Western Australian Government of leaking confidential documents to the media to try to discredit the group's involvement in Kimberley gas negotiations.

Yesterday, it was reported that the KLC had failed to inform traditional owners at Kalumburu of a billion dollar royalty offer made by Japanese firm Inpex.

The KLC's Wayne Bergman says he presented details of the offer to more than 60 traditional owners of the Maret Islands, and that he has the documentation to prove it.

"Oh just absolutely cut to the bone. This is just disgusting that a Government and major mining companies are attacking a small community organisation that are trying to get funds to have fair representation for traditional owners so that we can get good advice to make an informed decision," he said.

The State Government has declined to comment.

Kalumburu council member Sebastian Djangarra maintains he and his father, both senior members of the community, were not told about the deal.