

# WA considers two Kimberley region sites for LNG hub

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The Western Australian government will make a decision on a site for its liquefied natural gas hub in the northwest of the state within the next couple of weeks, Premier Colin Barnett said.

"The preferred locations are North Head and James Price Point in the Kimberley region," Barnett told a business lunch in Perth today. "If we don't do that, there will be no LNG development in the Kimberley and they'll be no benefits for the community."

The likelihood of a gas hub in the Kimberley was reduced in September when Inpex Holdings, Japans largest oil explorer, picked Darwin in northern Australia as the site of a proposed \$20 billion LNG that would be the biggest single private investment in the country. Woodside Petroleum and Royal Dutch Shell have proposed LNG export projects using gas from fields in the Browse Basin.

The government will set about the Public Works Act to acquire that land and then well lease it out to proponents, whether it be Woodside, Inpex or anyone else.

North Head and James Price Point are both near the tourist town of Broome.

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