

# Higgins to join LNG campaign

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ACCLAIMED singer-songwriter and part-time Broome resident Missy Higgins has lent her voice to the campaign to prevent LNG development in the Kimberley, taking her message to the world through a video released on internet site YouTube.

The seven-minute video contains footage from a recent impromptu performance Higgins gave in Broome, a separate interview and a recording of her song Going North.

"When I heard about all this industrialisation that was a threat to the Kimberley coast and to Broome and the surrounding areas I was really, really shocked, and I thought 'there's gotta be something we can do, we can't just sit back

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**BENEFIT:** Missy Higgins in a recent impromptu performance in Broome.

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and let the oil and the gas companies come and destroy this beautiful, beautiful land because not enough people know about this part of the country, not enough people know how important this coast is'," she said during the Broome performance.

Higgins said she felt a connection to her country while in Broome that she had never experienced anywhere else.

"This is actually the first time that I've ever sung a song in Broome publicly – I consider this place a bit of a home to me," she said.

"It felt like home as soon as I went there, I felt really, really ... safe there."

In a separate interview Higgins said the thought of an LNG processing facility on the Dampier Peninsula reminded her of going to school in

Melbourne next door to an oil refinery.

"It pretty much towered over the entire footy oval the entire time and it was just the ugliest, most polluting thing that really was not healthy and it kind of affected the landscape, and it was just a really bad energy to have over this place of education," she said.

Higgins described attempts to industrialise the Kimberley as "criminal".

"The only people that are saying it's the right thing to do have dollar signs flashing around in their head, and if that's your only way of justifying it then I'm sorry, but that's just wrong," she said.

"It's the kids who are going to suffer and it's their kids, and their kids – this is a permanent kind of damage that you do to the coast, there's no going back, and it's just an absolute mistake in my mind."