



WA Premier reveals Kimberley gas hub site

From the newswire: December 23, 2008: WA Premier Colin Barnett, has announced the controversial new gas hub will be located at James Price Point, 60 kilometres from Broome.

Mr Barnett says the exact site of the LNG precinct would be determined after consideration of significant cultural, heritage and environmental values of the area. "Compulsory acquisition of the land remains an option," Mr Barnett said.

Since 2007, more than 40 possible Kimberley sites have been considered, and four sites including James Price Point, were short-listed in October this year.

The Premier's preferred site is expected to face widespread revolt, with conservation groups, some indigenous groups and the Broome Shire Council opposing the development on the environmentally sensitive Dampier Peninsula. (Hands Off Country)

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Environs Kimberley say they are "shocked and disappointed that James Price Point has been chosen. It is an extremely important area for the migration of humpback whales and their calves moving from their calving ground to Antarctica every year. We concerned that there may be a number of threatened species that will be impacted by the precinct that could be up to 3000 hectares."

"There are also turtles and dugongs in the area. Blasting of millions of tonnes of rock will have significant impact on the marine life. Gas tankers and supply ships working in the area will also have significant impact on the marine life there." Environs Kimberley repudiated the EPA's advice to government suggesting that the environmental impacts of an LNG precinct at James Price Point could be "managed".

The environmental group Save the Kimberley Foundation maintains that a gas processing plant should not be built anywhere in the Kimberley.