

## Land council questions Woodside gas plant push

The Kimberley Land Council (KLC) has criticised oil and gas company Woodside over its push to find a site for a liquefied natural gas plant on the coast north of Broome, in northern Western Australia.

The council which represents native title holders on the Dampier Peninsula says the consultation with residents has been flawed, with no guarantees of employment for Aborigines should the plant go ahead.

Woodside hopes to select a site this year to allow it to produce gas from the Browse Basin by 2014.

KLC's executive director Wayne Bergmann says the company should be dealing with the council and not approaching individuals.

"Some people are being misled into what their rights and interests are," he said.

"You have qualified experts being engaged by Woodside to carry out consultation and they are dealing with Aboriginal people who have limited knowledge of the types of issues involved in these kind of negotiations."

Woodside refused to comment on the KLC claims.

It has been confirmed that Perpendicular Head, near Pender Bay on the Dampier Peninsula, is one of six onshore sites being considered for its gas plant.