

Darwin Harbour our only NT option: Inpex

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The Chief Minister says the Japanese gas company Inpex has told him Middle Arm in Darwin Harbour is the only Territory site it will consider for the construction of a \$12 billion liquefied natural gas plant.

The Territory Government is tussling with the Western Australian Government to attract the Inpex investment, but concedes the Marret Islands in the Kimberley region are still the preferred site.

The CLP leader Terry Mills last week said he wouldn't support building the plant at Middle Arm in Darwin Harbour, preferring Glyde Point.

But Paul Henderson says it's the only option and he'll be promoting Darwin's case when he meets Inpex representatives in Perth today.

"(I'll) push the case for Darwin, to say that we are open for business and to dispel the myth from Terry Mills that the LNG plant should not go out at Middle Arm.

"The Middle Arm Peninsular is zoned for this type of use. The infrastructure is already there, there's access to a deepwater port, there's access to the railway, there's access to capital city infrastructure.

"This is the real opportunity. We have one LNG plant on Middle Arm already, I want to see two. I want to promote Darwin as being open for investment.

"We can have world class fishing as well as a world class LNG facility in Darwin."