

Opposition to gas plant impresses green group

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The green group Save the Kimberley has applauded the Broome Shire's opposition to a Japanese resource firm's plan to build a liquefied natural gas plant on the Maret Islands.

The Broome Shire was the only Kimberley local government to vote against Inpex's proposal at a meeting of the region's four shires.

The Kimberley country zone of the Western Australian Local Government Association says its support is subject to a number of conditions, including that all environmental requirements are met and 80 per cent of the plant's work force is based in the region.

The vice-chairman of Save the Kimberley, Kevin Blatchford, has praised the Broome Shire's stance.

"I think it just shows that maybe our councillors are a bit smarter than some of the others and haven't succumbed to the lobbying of Inpex," he said.