

## Port chief says Inpex deal will not disrupt fishing

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The chief executive of the Port of Darwin says he does not believe there would be a significant impact on recreational fishers if a proposed new gas project goes ahead in Darwin.

The Northern Territory Government's is trying to convince Japanese company Inpex to develop a multi-billion dollar liquefied natural gas plant in Darwin Harbour rather than in the north of Western Australia.

The opposition, concerned at the new plant's impact on Darwin Harbour, wants it built outside the harbour at Glyde Point.

The port's chief executive Robert Ritchie says if the deal goes ahead, he estimates there would be one additional ship going in and out each day.

"You are looking at maybe one a day in and out. So it's not going to effect traffic and fishermen in the harbour that dramatically."

Mr Ritchie says there is little risk of ships leaking gas.

"These vessels are very safe vessels. They are new vessels. I would not see them as a tremendous risk in coming in."