

## NT steps up Ichthys chase

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DARWIN: The Northern Territory (NT) state government is stepping up its campaign to secure the hosting of the A\$12 billion (US\$11.5 billion) Inpex Ichthys project.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson will be meeting key decision makers at Total's head office in Paris this weekend after having presented the Australian state's proposal to Inpex's top management.

"I'm fighting hard to get the Inpex project at Middle Arm because it will mean thousands of jobs for Territorians and huge economic benefits for decades to come," Henderson said.

Inpex recently submitted an application to seek environmental approval to process Ichthys gas at a proposed plant in Middle Arm. The Japanese operator, however, is more inclined to go with its first proposal to build a liquefied natural gas plant in Maret Islands off Western Australia.