

# Japanese company consider using NT gas plant

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Japanese resource company Inpex has not ruled out the possibility of using a future gas plant in the Northern Territory to process gas from a major Timor Sea gas field

The Marsela block in the Indonesian Abadi field is about 400 kilometres north of Darwin.

Inpex is considering a site on Darwin Harbour, as well as a location in Western Australia, for a \$12 billion gas plant.

Inpex spokesman Sean Kildare says all options for the use of the proposed plant are under consideration.

"At this stage all the options to develop the Marsela field are under consideration," he said.

"However, the determination of the most appropriate option is discussed with the Indonesian Government and the needs of that part of the world."

Inpex says whether states demand gas for local use will not be a big factor in its decision to build the plant in Darwin or WA .

The Western Australia Government wants 15 per cent of the LNG plants gas to be reserved for local consumption if the plant is built off the Kimberley coast.

The Northern Territory Government came under fire for not putting a similar deal up to the Japanese company.

Mr Kildare says the company is considering all its options before making a decision on where the plant should go

"There are a range of reasons why we are considering Darwin and the issue of domestic gas is not a significant issue," he said.