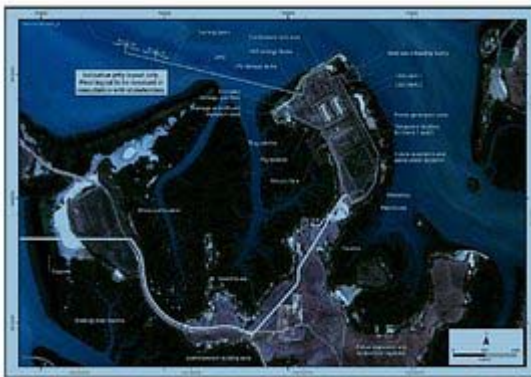


Larrakia groups at odds over Inpex

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Inpex is proposing to build a \$12 billion gas plant on Blaydin Point in Darwin Harbour. (ABC Local: Inpex NOI.)

The \$12 billion LNG gas plant proposed for Darwin Harbour is receiving mixed reactions from Darwin's Indigenous groups.

Japanese company Inpex is considering Blaydin Point in Darwin along with another site in Western Australia.

The Larrakia Development Corporation's chief executive Greg Constantine says the corporation supports the project, provided an environmental impact study is conducted.

He says the project will open up job prospects for local Indigenous people.

"(We're very concerned about) looking at developing the skills of Larrakia and other Aboriginal people which we've done with our own subsidiary companies and also assisting Larrakia and other Aboriginal people setting up their own businesses."

But Donna Jackson from Larrakia Nation says Mr Constantine's comments are not representative of all Larrakia people.

"We have made our position very clear via a letter to the Government ... The Larrakia Nation Governing Committee and its members have said 'No, we do not want to see Middle Arm fully industrialised', which is what this Inpex plan represents."