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Inpex looks to plug and abandon Kimberley

Inpex may be on the verge of finalising Darwin, rather than the Kimberley, as the preferred onshore location for its \$20 billion Ichthys LNG project but that hasn't stopped the Japanese giant bolstering its Perth staff numbers.

One-time Howard government flak catcher Tim Langmead, who nowadays spins for the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association out of Canberra, is about to move to the Boom State to take up a government relations role with Inpex.

And HOTT hears that Inpex is also raiding the already-understaffed Department of Industry and Resources to pick up more bodies as it prepares for a final investment decision on Ichthys.

Despite Inpex likely to locate its LNG plant in Darwin, it is expected to retain its HQ in Perth, the country's oil and gas capital.