



Inpex project to threaten horticulture in the NT

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Australia's biggest resource project, earmarked for Darwin harbour, is a major threat to the future development of Northern Territory horticultural projects, according to a leading industry advocate.

Tracey Leo says the news that Japanese gas giant Inpex has chosen Darwin as its preferred site to build a \$12 billion dollar gas plant is nothing but bad news for the regions farmers.

With an expected 4000 workers needed to construct the plant, Ms Leo says many small scale farmers will sell out and the bigger farmers moving in will struggle to find the man power for their projects.

"It's really hard for people to get trades people now such steel fabricators, concreters, all of them" she says.

"So it's going to put enormous pressure on other ventures that are trying to set up.

"I think it just highlights the Government's central Darwin focus, which has been a key criticism from the rural sector."