

Plant to be visible, likely to restrict fishing: Inpex

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Inpex says fishing around Blaydin Point may be restricted. (Cathy Harper)

A spokesman for Inpex says the proposed gas plant for Darwin Harbour will be visible from many areas around the city.

The company's general manager of external affairs, Sean Kildare, says up to nine gas tanks will be located at

Blaydin Point to store LNG, LPG and condensate.

Mr Kildare says it's still too early to know the final lay out of the proposed gas plant.

"It's possible something will be seen from certain parts of Palmerston. You will see something from Stokes Hill Wharf.

"On The Esplanade maybe you won't see too much because you have to look straight through the development on East Arm.

"The final layout is still not determined, but certainly I wouldn't want to mislead the people of Darwin to say you won't see it because you will see it."

Mr Kildare also says boat access in Darwin Harbour may be restricted to make way for the plant, and he can't guarantee fishing access to Catalina Creeks will continue.

"One of the options suggests that with the regulator implying safety and security exclusion zones, access to those creeks may be restricted.

"But, we are looking at all of the options. We are consulting with the local recreational fishing body.

"We are also looking at the uses for those creeks."