

Premier names preferred site for LNG hub

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Colin Barnett says a final decision will be made after a public comment period.

The Premier Colin Barnett has named North Head, about 120 kilometres north of Broome as his preferred site for an LNG processing hub.

Mr Barnett has released the site evaluation report by the Northern Development Taskforce, which was commissioned by the previous Government.

The taskforce identifies four possible sites, Gourdon Bay, south of Broome, Anjo Peninsula, on the far north Kimberley coast and James Price Point and North Head, both on the Dampier Peninsula.

Mr Barnett says North Head is his preferred site, even though the report finds that significant numbers of hump back whales pass through the area and the overall marine environment is described as being highly sensitive.

Mr Barnett says there is a public comment period of 28 days and he will be making a final decision soon after.

The North Head site is currently an Aboriginal reserve.

Mr Barnett says the Government hopes to acquire the land through negotiation and compensation, and if that fails, compulsory acquisition.