

## LNG racism

WA PREMIER Colin Barnett in my opinion based on his public attack on the Kimberley Land Council over the Inpex decision is simply playing a well-established race card played by all WA politicians in WA: “kick the blacks”.

The WA Premier’s total disregard for statutory obligations and due process, and the facts of the various interests’ roles in the Inpex Maret Island proposal, hopefully is not a sign of things to come from the WA Government.

I recall Save the Kimberley group, Environs Kimberley, Federal Minister Peter Garrett, media identity George Negus, the Kimberley Land Council and the then-WA Government, Derby/West Kimberley and Broome Shire councils all having a role, yet the Premier chose to single out and attack Kimberley Aboriginal people for stopping the Inpex development.

Premier Barnett, are you advocating that resource development should occur anywhere without the necessary environmental approvals, community stakeholders’ input, and non-compliance with Australian law, in this case the Native Title Act, and other prescribed regulations?

May I remind you that we live in different times – it’s 2008 not 1968 – and even Aboriginal people have rights protected by Australian common law in 2008.

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