

## EDITORIAL

**PREMIER** Colin Barnett's heavy handed approach to the LNG gas hub issue may be good for the big gas companies, but he risks losing support of the people who have just voted him in to power.

Making suggestions of compulsory acquisitions, even before discussing the issue with local indigenous and non-indigenous groups, suggests Mr Barnett is listening more to the dollars than to the people.

It seems clear the majority of people in the Kimberley would support development that has the potential to benefit the wider community, but not on a 'development for development's sake' basis.

It would be very concerning if the Premier were to fast-track environmental assessments and risk the destruction of one of the world's last wilderness areas.

Perhaps old mate should come up this way and jump in a tinnie, throw a line over and see the incredible place we live in for himself.