

Darwin seeks planning advice from Alaska

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Darwin is looking to its sister city in the US state of Alaska for tips on handling pressures linked to the construction of the Inpex gas plant.

The Darwin City Council has invited the mayor and senior planners from Anchorage to a planning conference in Darwin in March and will meet some of their costs.

The Lord Mayor, Graeme Sawyer says the Alaskan city has experience which could be helpful for Darwin.

"Anchorage has actually been through a boom and bust cycle based around oil and gas, so they'd have interesting knowledge for us in terms of the issues, the pitfalls, the problems, the upsides and downsides, the sorts of boom that Darwin is heading into," Mr Sawyer said.