

Community opposition to LNG development

WHILE sitting on Gantheaume Point beach the other night I was considering the proposed locations for the Woodside gas plant over a quiet ale and watching the lighthouse do what lighthouses do best.

Why not site the gas plant at Gantheaume Point I thought? I mean, look at the synergies.

First and foremost you could do away with the old crusty lighthouse straight away as the flame from the plant will be seen for kilometres warning all and sundry of the dangers presented by the amazing and pristine coastline and those pesky dinosaur footprints.

Secondly, as the plant will employ about 250 fully qualified chemical engineers, PhDs and such-like upon completion of the construction phase, think of all the greenhouse gasses that will be saved.

These highly skilled and trained professionals will no longer need to travel day after day to a remote loca-

tion in their fuel-guzzling four-wheel-drives. They could literally park on the beach and walk to work across the pristine sands of Cable Beach. They too will be able to enjoy firsthand the ballast water of the tankers from foreign shores as it washes up on high tide, not to mention the silhouettes of the vessels against the setting sun.

Thirdly, and I think most importantly, consider Brendon Grylls, leader of the State National party and his royalties for regions proposal.

We can work out the dollars that will be generated over the life of the gas plant to the State Government.

Once this is done, we can grab our share and divide it equally between all the members of the Broome community; an upfront payment for the destruction of the planet's environment.

That way we can all go and live somewhere else and Colin Barnett and his cabinet can move out of their Perth safe houses and buy up in Broome and plan their canal (I

understand this buggers up the casino development plan for Broome of former State Premier Richard Court, but hey, that's progress).

As for Woodside, Inpex and the big bungas, if the story in The West Australian on November the 8th is true then the Government need only offer blankets, beads and tobacco and there won't be any resistance regards location. Why not just pipe it to Karratha? If it's good enough for Inpex. Has anyone seen the gas plant in Karratha? It's pretty at night. C'mon Don, what do ya say?

To paraphrase our Federal Minister for the Environment in his younger incarnation when the export of iron ore was going to another of our Asian cousins in Japan; "Dig it up, all of it, and generate a million dollars for every man woman and child in Australia. Then give it to the people so we can all go live somewhere else, cause after it's finished, none of us will want to live here."

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