

## Inpex holds community meetings in Darwin

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Inpex has held its first community forum in Darwin today, hearing from a concerned tour operator, a recreational fisherman and a local business.

The oil and gas company plans to build a gas plant in Darwin Harbour, which will be the biggest private sector investment ever in Australia.

There was no jeering or anger at the first session today at Darwin's casino, and Inpex executives even received a round of applause.

But there are some lingering concerns about the \$20 billion project and how it will affect Darwin.

A local business owner is worried Inpex will employ all the available skilled workers, making it more difficult for other businesses to maintain staff.

And recreational fishermen don't want to be denied access to the area around the Catalina Creeks.

Inpex's Sean Kildare says the company's not sure what will happen in relation to access to the creeks.

"We are working with the Amateur Fishing Association and the individuals in the community who are aware that one potential option here may restrict fishing access to parts of Middle Arm. We're looking at all the options available, we haven't made a decision on that yet but we have given commitments to consult with them on the way through."

Inpex's presentation included simulated photographs from points around the Harbour including East Arm boat ramp and Stokes Hill Wharf.

They show gas tanks visible on the horizon.