

Premier to raise emissions trading, GST funding at COAG

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Premier Colin Barnett says the emissions trading scheme could cause fatal damage to the LNG industry

The Premier, Colin Barnett, says he will use Saturday's heads of Government meeting to raise his concerns with the Prime Minister about the federal government's proposed emissions trading scheme.

Mr Barnett says the scheme will severely damage the liquefied natural gas industry, which at present does not qualify for any exemptions or compensation.

Mr Barnett wants to discuss his concerns with the Prime Minister at COAG on Saturday.

"The Commonwealth proposal risks fatal damage to our important LNG industry," he said.

Mr Barnett will also be raising the GST funding model and Western Australia's declining share, which he says is putting the state at a severe disadvantage.

He wants changes to the funding model, including a cap on how much any one state subsidises another.