

Gas hub opponents 'won't be intimidated'

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Environmentalists say they will continue fighting to prevent a gas processing hub being built on the Kimberley coast in northern Western Australia.

The development moved a step closer yesterday, with Premier Colin Barnett narrowing the list of possible sites to two.

Northhead, 120 kilometres north of Broome, and James Price Point, 60 kilometres north, remain under consideration.

Mr Barnett also repeated he is willing to use court action to compulsorily acquire land should negotiations with local communities fail.

Save the Kimberley spokesman Kevin Blatchford says opponents to the project will not be intimidated.

"Nothing's done - this has got a long, long way to go yet," he said.

"If anyone thinks it's going to happen just because the Premier's threatening local communities with compulsory acquisition, ... [they have] got another thing coming."