

EPA to release gas sites assessment

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The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) will today release its environmental assessment of the four sites short-listed for a Kimberley liquefied natural gas (LNG) precinct.

The EPA has spent eight months assessing sites at James Price Point, Northhead, Gourdon Bay and the Anjo Peninsula.

Earlier this month, Western Australian Premier Colin Barnett named James Price Point and Northhead as the final two sites, but Northhead, near Beagle Bay, remains his preferred option.

Mr Barnett will visit the Dampier Peninsula tomorrow to take a final look at the short-listed sites before making an announcement on where the Browse Basin gas will be processed.

An announcement on the final site is not expected today.

The Shire of Broome will officially inform the State Government of its decision to pass a motion opposing the construction of an LNG processing facility in the region.

Shire president Graeme Campbell says he will seek an urgent meeting with the Premier when he visits the region today.

"I urge the Premier not to make any decisions on the location of the LNG hub or precinct before completing all the research in direct consultation with all communities," he said.