

New WA gas project won't move us: Inpex

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Final attempt: WA Premier Colin Barnett.

The Japanese resources giant Inpex has quashed hopes of the West Australian Premier that it would consider building a multi-billion gas plant in the Kimberley region instead of Darwin.

The \$12 billion gas plant proposed for Darwin is the largest single private sector investment in Australian history.

Inpex and French partner Total initially wanted to build near the West Australian gas fields but considered

Darwin a more viable option.

Mr Barnett says he'd expect Inpex would seriously reconsider the Darwin plans after his decision to establish a major gas hub at James Price Point near Broome.

The Premier argues its 500 kilometres closer than Darwin.

But in a statement, Inpex said the company remains committed to planning for the onshore location in Darwin Harbour.