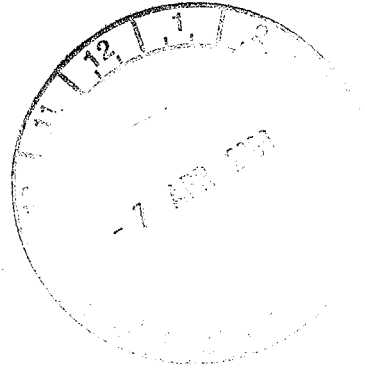


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The Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House PERTH WA 6000

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY**  
**Petition No 16 - Regarding Kimberley Coast**

Dear Ms. Mills

We refer to the above petition and are particularly concerned about the Department of State Development's proposal for an LNG processing hub at James Price Point. We are concerned on a number of grounds:

- The proposal if it went ahead would have a significant impact on a number of threatened species and threatened ecological communities including:
  - Turtles, Dugongs, Humpback Whales
  - Monsoon vine thickets
  - Dwarf Pindan Heath
- The State and Federal Government have agreed to assess potential gas precinct locations outside of the Kimberley region – we have yet to see this report;
- The Department of Industry and Resources has indicated that should Browse basin gas come onshore it would be a source of energy for aluminium, lead and zinc smelters, petrochemicals, gas to liquids, mineral sands, bauxite and uranium mines<sup>1</sup>. **In other words broadscale industrialisation of the Kimberley – the Government has made no indications that this would not be supported;**
- The social impacts will not be adequately addressed;
- There is a lack of information regarding the proposal particularly for Traditional Owners to make decisions;
- The massive greenhouse gas emissions from this proposal;
- There is a current lack of a transparent process on the LNG proposal;
- There would be significant damage to the Lurujarri Heritage Trail and Song Cycle;
- The WA Government does not appear to support National Heritage listing of the Kimberley as agreed to in the Broad Strategic Assessment being undertaken by the Commonwealth.

We therefore respectfully request that there be a Parliamentary Inquiry into this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Martin Pritchard  
Director

<sup>1</sup> Source: *Regional Minerals Program - Developing the West Kimberley's Resources - Main Report* August 2005 WA Department of Industry and Resources funded by the Australian Governments Regional Minerals Programme