



*Save the Nature of the Kimberley*

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## **We need your help for the Kimberley right now**

### **The Kimberley needs you — now**

The next several months are likely to decide the fate of the Kimberley — one of the great natural places left on Earth. The WA Government is pushing for the creation of an industrial gas refinery on the Kimberley coast near Broome. If this proceeds, it will damage the environmental and cultural fabric of the Kimberley forever.

### **What the gas refinery would mean**

- It would be Australia's largest, and the world's second largest, LNG producer
- The gas refinery would cover 25km<sup>2</sup> of land, equivalent to 1,200 Subiaco ovals
- The port area would cover 10km<sup>2</sup> of a Humpback Whale calving area
- There would be a 50km<sup>2</sup> 'marine deadzone'<sup>1</sup> offshore from James Price Point because of the blasting and dredging for the port and pipelines
- 30 billion litres/year of wastewater generated by the refinery and the 6-8000 construction-worker town would be pumped into the pristine waters north of Broome
- An oil spill from the project area could arrive in Roebuck Bay and Cable Beach in 1-10 days
- 39 million tonnes/year of CO<sup>2</sup> — equivalent to 20% of WA's current CO<sup>2</sup> emissions from this one project.

Government documents make clear that, if the gas goes ahead, this could lead to wide-scale industrialisation of the rest of the Kimberley.

### **Saving the nature of the Kimberley**

We need your help. Environs Kimberley is the regional environment group in the Kimberley. We have been at the forefront of protecting the Kimberley for nearly fifteen years. Along with Traditional Owners, EK led the opposition to attempts to dam the Fitzroy River and take water from the Kimberley. We are an important voice in the region, and decision-makers in Perth and Canberra listen to us. In the past 18 months alone, we've met with the WA Premier, Prime Minister, Ministers for the Environment, State and Federal, and Minister for Industry and Tourism, top government bureaucrats as well as many Opposition and cross-benchers in both Parliaments.

### **Our biggest threat**

The Kimberley and EK now face our biggest threat. If the proposed gas refinery proceeds it will destroy a beautiful part of the Kimberley's coastline. It will open the floodgates to flow-on industrialisation of the region. The Kimberley lands and seas will never be the same again. EK receives very little outside funding for our campaigning to protect this very special part of the world; your help is essential in keeping our advocacy work going.

### **Environment and culture at risk**

The gas hub would be catastrophic, and not only for the environment. Many Traditional Owners oppose the development and in response the WA Premier has ordered the compulsory acquisition of land for the industrial site. Indigenous leaders have blasted the proposal as taking the state back to the days when the rights of Indigenous people were routinely over-ridden.

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<sup>1</sup> Sinclair Knight Merz (2011) *Benthic Primary Producer Habitat Loss Calculations* report for Woodside (page 24)

## There are Alternatives

There are alternatives, which include offshore processing, or piping the gas to an already industrialised area of the Pilbara.

## What we need to protect the Kimberley

EK is the group on the ground taking the brunt of this campaign and ensuring that local voices are heard nationally as the campaign builds. We are a small group and we do a lot with not very much. But the campaign is now stretching us to the limit. We need your support to continue to do the work to the level required to protect the Kimberley for future generations.

**A tax-deductible donation to Environs Kimberley will help us continue to be the bedrock of this campaign. With your support, we'll provide a strong response to the State and Federal Governments, making sure that Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke knows every single detail about the environmental values of the Kimberley, and the threat that the proposed gas hub holds for this special corner of the world. It is he who will ultimately decide whether or not the gas plant goes ahead, a decision that could change the Kimberley forever.**

## What difference will your gift make?

We need \$10,000 a month to keep us operational and to pay our staff. In addition, we need funding for publications to inform the community of what's happening in the Kimberley, as well as the costs associated with travelling to meet decision-makers in Perth and Canberra.

\$100 pays our phone bill for a week.

\$1,000 would help us print off 2,000 brochures.

\$5,000 would cover our travel costs for the year.

\$10,000 keeps us going for a month.

You can make a one-off contribution or an automatic monthly donation. Regular donations give us funding security and reduce our dependence on grants, as well as being easier for you because you only have to authorise them once! To contribute on-line please [click here](#). Don't forget you can also support us by [joining EK](#) – at just \$20/year, it's a great way to support our work, and keep in touch.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the Kimberley remains one of Earth's most unspoilt natural places.

Yours sincerely



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