



# **Site Evaluation Workshop**

# Introduction to the Northern Development Taskforce

- The Northern Development Taskforce was established by Cabinet on the 15 June 2007
- The purpose of the Taskforce is to manage across-Government planning processes and stakeholder consultation in regard to selection and development of a suitable location or locations for the processing of Browse Basin gas reserves.
- The Taskforce will set the framework for how the State will protect and manage the important indigenous heritage, environment and tourism values of the Kimberley area while facilitating structured industrial development.



# Who does the NDT report through?

- The Taskforce provides advice to a Ministerial Committee that consists of:
  - Deputy Premier (Chair) – Hon. Eric Ripper
  - Minister for the Environment – Hon. David Templeman
  - Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Heritage – Hon. Michelle Roberts
  - Minister for Planning and Infrastructure – Hon. Alannah MacTiernan
  - Minister for Energy, Resources, Industry and Enterprise – Hon. Francis Logan

# Who are the Members of the Taskforce?

- The Taskforce membership consists of the Directors' General of:
  - Department of Industry and Resources (Chair)
  - Department of Environment and Conservation
  - Department of Indigenous Affairs
  - Department for Planning and Infrastructure
  - Department of Fisheries
  - Landcorp
  - Office of Native Title
  - Kimberley Development Commission
  - Tourism Western Australia

# Functions of the Taskforce

- Deliver to the Ministerial Committee a recommended location or locations for the processing of natural gas from the Browse Basin by one or more operators, giving full consideration to indigenous, community, environmental and heritage issues and the State's aspirations
- Deliver to the Ministerial Committee a recommended model for indigenous participation in resource development in the Kimberley, including appropriate negotiation protocols, a comprehensive benefits package for Traditional Owners and regional, state and Commonwealth benefits distribution models



## Functions of the Taskforce (cont.)

- Deliver to the Ministerial Committee a conservation outcome that will, for any proposed development across conservation reserves and indigenous-controlled lands, contain initiatives that includes biodiversity protection, indigenous joint management and nature based tourism
- Recommend to the Ministerial Committee the State's position with respect to proposed National Heritage listing of conservation estate lands in the Kimberley
- Oversee the planning, approval, and implementation of securing the preferred site or sites for industrial development



# Strategic Environmental Assessment

- Commonwealth/State agreement to use the Strategic Assessment provisions of the EPBC Act and the EP Act
- Strategic Assessment of a Plan for a Common-User Liquefied Natural Gas Hub Precinct to service the Browse Basin Gas field
- Assessment of National Heritage values in the West Kimberley
- Timeframe to complete both assessments early 2010.
- Terms of Reference (NDT interim report)
- Site evaluation criteria



## Steps in the process

- **Step 1.** Identify potential LNG processing sites
- **Step 2.** Identify significant environmental, heritage and socio- economic constraints
- **Step 3.** Confirm or otherwise Traditional Owner support
- **Step 4.** Compare Kimberley processing option with alternatives
- **Step 5.** Complete the Strategic Assessment of Site or Sites

# NDT site evaluation process

- NDT working groups
  - Environmental experts (marine) (terrestrial)
  - General environmental interests
  - Tourism
  - Fisheries
  - Community
  - Industry
- KLC engagement process
- NDT industry and environmental studies
- Industry studies and project proposals



# Objectives of the Workshop

- To bring together a broad range of knowledge specific to the region and selected locations
- To identify potential technical, environmental and heritage constraints relative to each location
- Provide the Traditional Owners with information that will assist in their decision making
- To gain a Traditional Owner perspective on the proposed LNG development and its likely impact on Aboriginal communities, culture and heritage
- To help identify knowledge gaps that will inform additional environmental, socio-economic and heritage studies.



# Post workshop process

- Workshop outcomes to be compiled into second NDT report
- Completion of GIS mapping of data and constraints
- NDT, KLC, Industry and independent analysis of data and constraints
- Reporting of outcomes
- Public comment
- EPA/DEWHA opinion