Leader of the Opposition, Delia Lawrie, is in Perth meeting with major Oil and Gas companies to discuss the potential for future major projects in the Northern Territory.

“It is important to engage positively with the industry and assess project potential at the midway point of the important Inpex/Total major project of Ichthys,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Territorians are looking to the future and what the next big project is and the good news is that whether it’s Bayu Undan backfill or additional trains in the pre-approved plants of Darwin LNG and Ichthys, the options exist and exploratory investment in those potential next projects is occurring now.

“Territory families, businesses, the construction and service and supply industries can be confident that the future in the Territory will continue to be prosperous. “

Ms Lawrie is meeting with ConocoPhillips, ENI, Woodside, Inpex and Santos in Perth to discuss the Territory’s options and potential for future major resource projects.

“The Territory has the potential to be an oil and gas hub for Australia and the brown fields of Middle Arm and our Marine Supply Base underpin this effort,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The Territory’s existing infrastructure and our delivery of the Bayu Undan and Ichthys projects have created an attractive environment for major oil and gas resource companies to invest.

“I will continue working towards enhancing the Territory’s relationship with the key players in the oil and gas industry to ensure that the Territory is top of mind when major projects in the future are being planned.”

Ms Lawrie strategically held discussions in the lead up to next week’s SEAAOC conference to send an important signal of bi-partisan support to the industry.

"I am delighted that the Government plans to formally open the Labor project of our Marine Supply Base next week which was a key focus of my efforts," Ms Lawrie said.

"I have also taken the opportunity to promote the feasibility work of APA on the potential of an eastern seaboard pipeline link which has significant potential to deliver gas into our national domestic market."

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