An Opportunity to Sell NT Gas?

The $2.5 billion dollar plan to bring cheap gas from PNG to Australia is under threat because AGL (Australian Gas Light Company) cannot confirm enough customers to make the project viable. This is the source of gas that was supposed to be driving the engines of the Alcan G3 project on the Gove Peninsula.

The Aluminium Refinery in Nhulunbuy will produce hundreds of millions of dollars of exports for the Territory over its life.

“This is the time for the Territory Government to be responsive,” Jodeen Carney said today.

“Not two months ago the Chief Minister was chanting the mantra ‘gas, gas, gas,’ in parliament and here's a golden opportunity for her to make good on her chant.

“If the PNG Highlands project does fail to provide a supply of gas then Alcan will be in the market place looking for some more. The Territory Government could kill two birds with one stone here because it is already committed to spending millions to build a pipeline from Wadeye to the existing north south line and now there is a potential customer at Nhulunbuy.

“If the Chief Minister is not capable of saying what her plan is to respond to this, (for instance: build a spur line from Darwin or to encourage the NLC proposal), then she’s been caught napping and it reinforces the fact that her hands are off the wheel.

“If I were her I'd already be on the phone.”