The Actual CLP Position on LNG in Darwin

The Chief Minister’s statement that the Leader of the Opposition “…comes out against the (Inpex) project” is totally untrue.

“I have not come out against the project at all, I’m fully supportive of Inpex establishing a LNG plant in Darwin,” says Terry Mills.

“What I have repeatedly maintained is that Middle Arm, in the middle of Darwin Harbour, is not where heavy industry should be developed.

“Gunn Peninsular is the best location for heavy industry, not the middle of Darwin Harbour, and that is where Inpex should establish its LNG plant.

“I support the growth of the gas industry in the Territory and I support all of the downstream industries that will attach themselves to that industry.

“I am also convinced that smelting, fertiliser manufacturing, chemical manufacturing and other heavy industry should not be located in the Harbour.

“The Chief Minister’s vision for the future of Darwin Harbour is one lined with heavy industry, it is not mine.

“I have met with Inpex, and they have indicated they are interested in coming to the Northern Territory but the shame of all this is the Territory Government has only offered them Darwin Harbour.

“It is silly to suggest Inpex would not be flexible about the final destination of what will be a 900 kilometres pipeline from Western Australia.

“Taking the gas pipe a few extra kilometres to the Gunn Peninsula will not make or break this deal.

“In seven years Labor has failed to develop an alternative site for heavy industry.

“It is this hopeless Labor Government that should be apologising to the people of the Territory.”

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