Inpex Should Build a Suburb

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says that if the Territory is to receive long term benefits from the $12 billion Inpex gas plant then Inpex should be required to put something long lasting and substantial back into the community.

And one of the best ways to do that would be for Inpex to build a suburb for the estimated 2000 workers in the new city of Weddell, not a work camp but proper houses.

This would take some of the pressure off the existing tight housing market and at the completion of the project these houses could be handed over to the Government who could sell those houses at a basic price to first home owners or low income families.

It would also kick start Weddell.

Gerry says as the Chief Minister has made sure the NT won’t get any of the gas from this plant, the very least he can do is make sure the Territory gets some long term benefits and what better way to do that than by providing housing.

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