GREATER SUNRISE DECISION DISAPPOINTING
Willem Westra van Holthe MLA
Date 29th April 2010

Today's announcement that Greater Sunrise will build a floating LNG plant in the Timor Sea instead of processing in Darwin is disappointing.

Shadow Resources Minister, Willem Westra van Holthe, said while the decision is a blow to the Territory economy, a number of factors come into play when deciding the location of significant commercial developments of this nature.

"When corporations like Woodside make decisions of this nature, the interests of the company's shareholders are of primary importance," Mr Westra van Holthe said.

"I'm sure the Northern Territory Government did what it could to sell the advantages to the Territory as a base for Woodside.

"Unfortunately, the commercial imperatives dictate that the LNG plant will go off-shore."

Mr Westra van Holthe said the Opposition will work with Government to ensure Darwin takes a leading role during the construction and operational phases of the plant.

"The Country Liberals’ focus has, and always will be, on ensuring Territory businesses get maximum benefit out of development of the Greater Sunrise field."

"We also hope there are significant economic flow-ons to East Timor, our partners in the Joint Petroleum Development Area."

Further comment: Willem Westra van Holthe 0414 778 430