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The Giles Government will use the Southern Hemisphere's biggest oil and gas conference to make its case for the development of Northern Australia as an international energy hub.

“The Northern Territory has firmly established its place as a key processing and service centre for the offshore oil and gas industry,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said

“We are keen to build on this solid base, as well as expanding new opportunities for the development of an onshore gas industry.”

Both Mr Giles and the Minister for Mines and Energy Willem Westra Van Holthe are in Perth today attending the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) Conference which attracts the world’s most important energy players.

“Interest in the Territory as an oil and gas centre is at an all-time high and we’re keen to use this opportunity to showcase everything the Territory has to offer these companies,” Mr Westra Van Holthe said.

In Perth, Mr Giles and Mr Westra Van Holthe will be meeting with a range of companies including ConocoPhillips, GDF Suez, CIVMEC, Total, Eni and Shell.

“The Territory now has runs on the board with the successful Darwin LNG project at Wickham Point now well established and the Ichthys LNG project at Blaydin Point now underway. In Perth, we’ll be speaking to a range of other companies about following in their footsteps,” Mr Westra Van Holthe said.

Darwin’s oil and gas infrastructure is also expanding with the Marine Supply Base set to open later this year and presenting new opportunities for the maintenance of offshore equipment.

“In our meetings with Shell in particular, I’m keen to discuss opportunities for Territory companies to secure early contracts for work on the company’s Prelude Floating LNG project,” Mr Giles said.

“I’ll also be using the Conference to talk up the Territory’s potential to secure the country’s energy future using untapped onshore reserves.

“The Territory is estimated to have potential reserves of unconventional gas totalling approximately 240 trillion cubic feet across six basins.

“APPEA is an opportunity to speak to industry heavy-hitters about the importance of a pipeline in unlocking this potential, linking the Territory into the East Coast energy grid.”

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