Onshore gas and convention centre meetings

The Northern Territory’s important role as an international gas hub will be the focus of talks by the Chief Minister, Clare Martin, who is a guest speaker at the Upstream Gas and Its Markets Conference in Perth on Monday.

"This will be an opportunity to sell the importance of the Territory as Australia’s newest gas province to some of the industry’s leading people," she said.

"Now that Timor Sea gas from the Bayu-Undan field has passed its main hurdle with ratification - and with other fields set to open in the near future - we will be able to provide strong representation about our role in the gas industry."

Ms Martin said she would also be discussing the need for a national energy policy.

"It is common sense and necessary to have a national energy policy providing strong direction for the future," she said.

Later that day the Chief Minister will visit the construction site of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, and meet with the centre’s management and builders.

"The Territory Government is currently examining the potential of a Convention Centre in Darwin and is eager to learn from other states," she said.

"We want a Darwin Convention Centre to be something that attracts people to town for business but also fits in with what Territorians want the facility to be."

The Chief Minister previously visited successful centres in Adelaide and Hong Kong.

On Tuesday she will inspect the Woodside operated North-West Shelf gas plant, on the Burrup Peninsular near Karratha, to see the impact on the community and ways to maximise opportunities.

"The Territory is set to undergo major economic change through gas related development and we want Territorians to be the big recipients," she said.

"This visit is a chance to inspect a working LNG plant gas in Australia, see how it operates within the region and meet with representatives of the local council to discuss the impacts and benefits."

"Government is determined to deliver jobs and growth for locals from our developing gas industry."