

## THE STORY BEHIND THE JAMES PRICE POINT GAS PRECINCT

In 2007, the State and Federal Governments worked with the Kimberley Land Council (KLC), Traditional Owners, industry and West Kimberley communities to find the best place for processing and exporting gas from the Browse Basin, which is about 425 north-west of Broome.

After investigating 43 possible sites, James Price Point 60km north of Broome was chosen as the preferred site for the gas precinct.

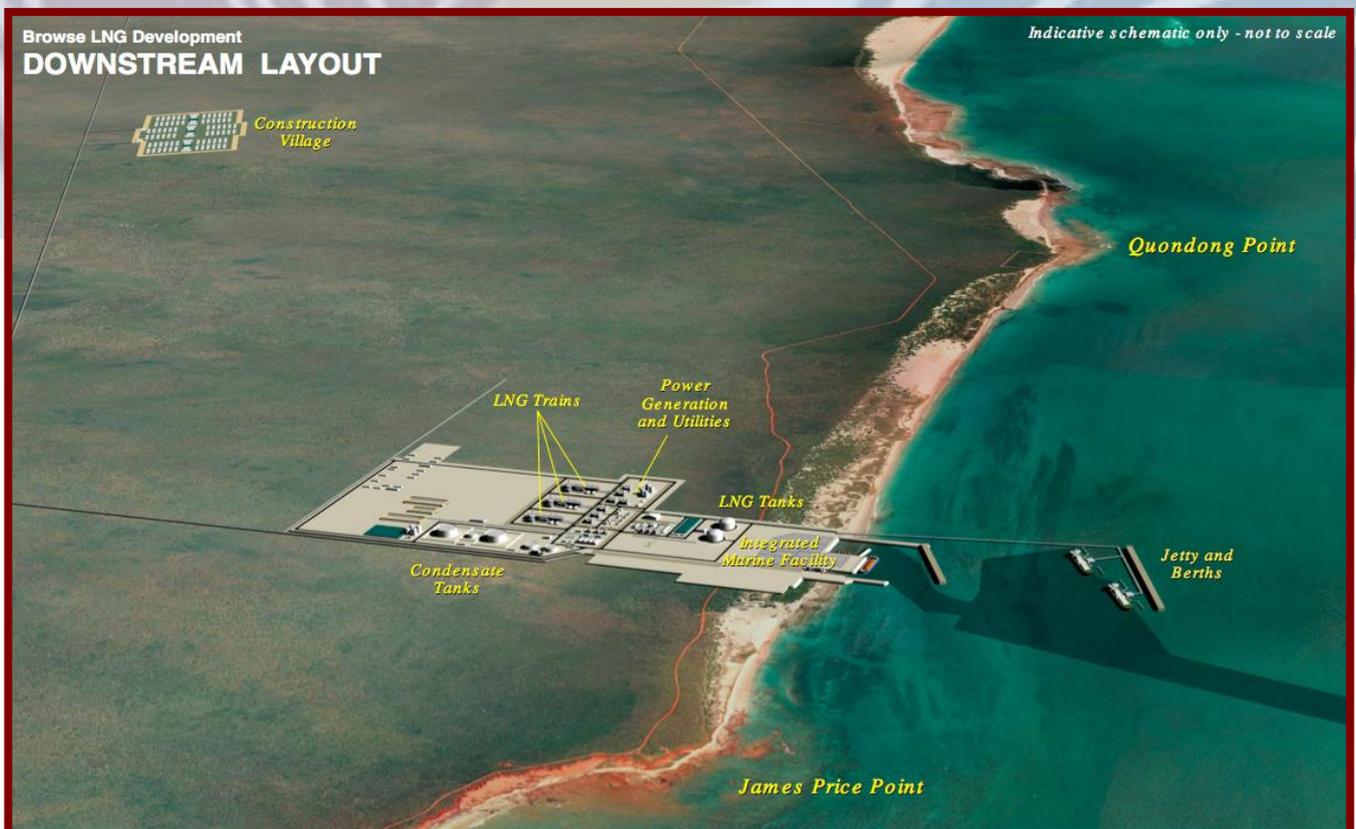
The site is a State Government precinct that could take two or three gas projects. The first stage of Woodside's project uses about 25% of the total precinct area.

The precinct will include an industrial gas processing site, workers' accommodation site, third party contractors' site, a port and marine facilities.

Following the signing of a Heads of Agreement in April 2009, negotiations lead to a native title agreement being signed in June 2011. This agreement is called the Browse LNG Precinct Project Agreement (PPA) and provides a number of benefits for Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr (GJJ) people. See Factsheet 1 for more information.

Wardi is the organisation responsible for managing the implementation of the Browse LNG PPA and the benefits for the GJJ people. See Factsheet 2 for more information about Wardi.

The Heritage Protection Agreement (HPA) was signed in November 2009. Under the HPA, the KLC assists the Environment and Cultural Heritage Team (ECHT) to deal with heritage site matters in the gas precinct area.



**PROPOSED LAYOUT OF WOODSIDE'S BROWSE LNG PRECINCT AT JAMES PRICE POINT**

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL

The State and Federal Governments agreed in February 2008 to a joint strategic assessment covering environmental and social issues.

The State Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) finished its environmental assessment in mid-2012 and the Minister issued environmental approval in November 2012. The Wilderness Society is challenging the EPA assessment in court because only the EPA Chairman did not have a conflict of interest.

In December 2012, the EPA also approved Woodside's first gas processing project under the Minister's approval for the whole precinct.

The Federal Minister for Environment is yet to make his decision.

Woodside is preparing the detailed environmental management plans required under the environmental approvals and social management plans under the Strategic Assessment. Waardi is keeping a close eye on these to make sure they work for Traditional Owners, the environment and identify opportunities.

## THE GAS PROJECT TODAY

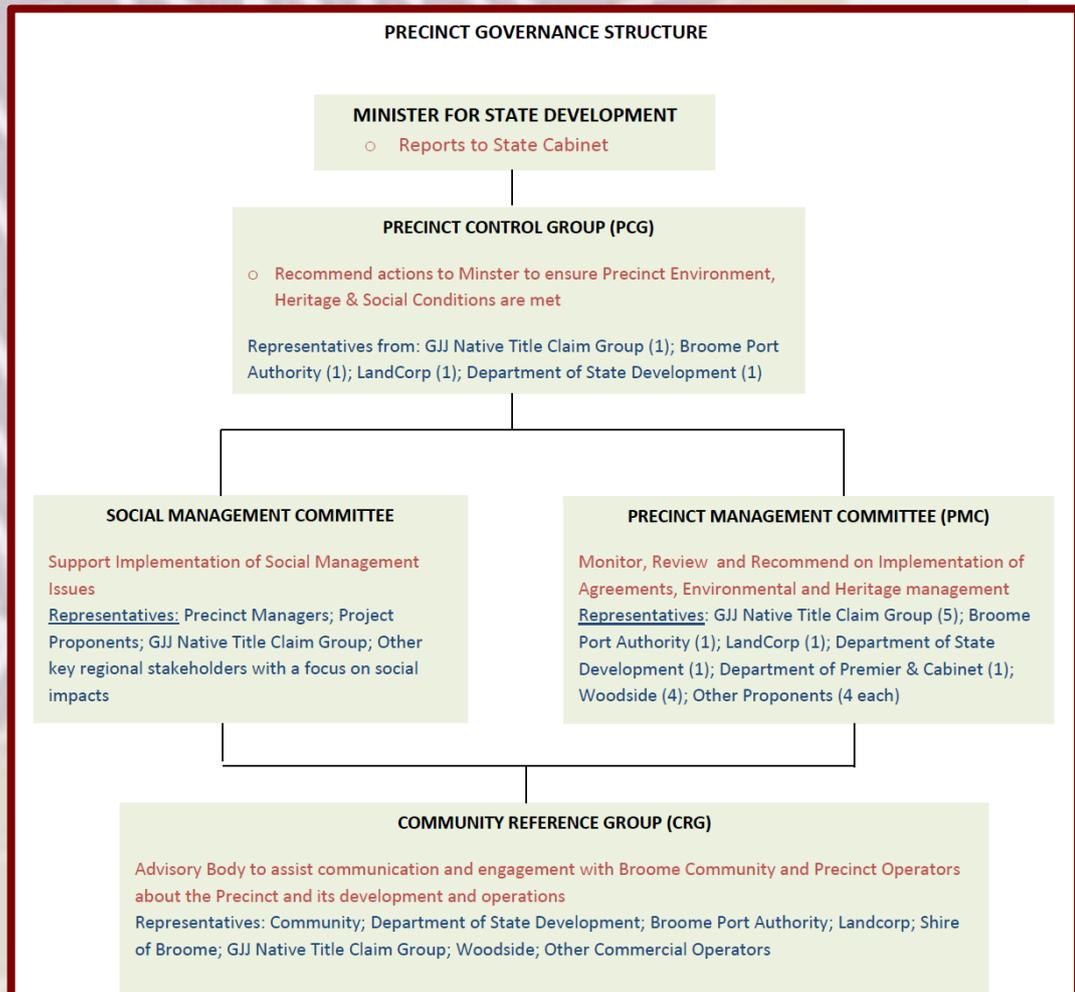
Woodside does not yet have land tenure access to the precinct because the State has been unable to properly finish the native title compulsory acquisition process, even though the Browse LNG PPA was signed in June 2011.

Woodside is yet to announce whether it has agreement with its partners (Shell, BHP, BP, Mitsubishi Mitsui, Petro China) to go ahead with the Browse LNG project.

A Final Investment Decision (FID) by Woodside was expected in 2012. An extension of time to 30 June 2013 was granted by the State and Federal Governments. Based on these timeframes, gas processing could commence in 2017-2018.

The State Government Minister for State Development set up a governance structure for management of the gas precinct at James Price Point. GJJ Traditional Owners have seats in this governance structure, to ensure their interests are not ignored and that the Browse LNG PPA is going the way it is meant to.

Waardi is working to help support GJJ representatives in this governance structure, however there is no funding allocated



in the Browse LNG PPA for this. GJJ representatives in this precinct governance are:

- Precinct Control Group: Warren Greatorex
- Precinct Management Committee: Gordon Dixon, Iga Paddy, Donald McKenzie and Donella Raye.

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