

# Premier thinks Port Hedland is ready for gas

NIALL BOYLE

COLIN Barnett has hinted Port Hedland could become the heart of a new chemical industry in the North West.

Speaking at the Hedland Economic and Resources forum, the Premier said it was "logical" liquefied natural gas from Woodside's proposed James Price Point project in Broome would be processed in the Pilbara and pinpointed Port Hedland as an ideal location.

"It's very important that the gas from the Browse Basin can come onshore and be turned into liquefied natural gas at James Price Point," he said.

"By law, James Point will only be for LNG, there will be no further processing of gas or further industries developed in that area.

"It's logical to me that some of the gas will be piped south to Port Hedland at some stage and could be

the basis of a new chemical industry in this region."

Mr Barnett was confident the controversial Broome project would get a final green light.

He told the *Pilbara News* Port Hedland was not experiencing a boom but "a long-term period of extraordinary eco-growth".

"I've had a drive through South Hedland, it's like the whole town is under reconstruction," he said.

"It's very impressive and represents the can-do attitude of Port Hedland and the Pilbara."

The Premier said the Pilbara needs to seize the current opportunity to increase production capacity and preserve the region's future, or risk being overtaken.

"Into the next decade, we'll face increasing minerals competition from Africa and Central Asia, this is an important moment in history where the production capacity is built," he said.



Premier Colin Barnett spoke at the Hedland Economic and Resources forum last Thursday. Picture: Chris Lees

# Walker on a mission strolls through town

ROURKE WALSH

ANDREW Cadigan is a man on a mission and he knows a massive journey still lies ahead of him.

Mr Cadigan has already been walking for 290 days and he's got about another year left to go.

He's already crossed the Nullarbor and braved cold weather in the south.

Even more amazingly he's doing it all by himself pushing a modified pram full of supplies.

Mr Cadigan plans to walk around Australia in an effort to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation to fight the illness that took his friend's life. The 30-year-old former carpenter strolled into Karratha at the weekend after what he said had been one of his more successful periods for donations.

Mr Cadigan undertook the massive journey following the death of close friend Chris "Simmo" Simpson on May 28 last year.

Since he left Exmouth two weeks ago he's raised nearly \$3000 includ-

ing \$1300 from CITIC Pacific workers camp about 70 kilometres south of Karratha. "They had a raffle and put the hat around which was really good," he said.

Covering about 50 kilometres a day, Mr Cadigan said he was now over the initial soreness from the walking and was pushing on.

"Physically I'm feeling 100 per cent at the moment which is pretty good," he said.

"The physical side is not really a problem anymore it's more a mental challenge to deal with the boredom."

Mr Cadigan said he got the bug to walk after reading a book called Big Steps about another walker who had set their sights on walking around the world.

So far Mr Cadigan has raised about \$30,000 and has now revised his target from \$50,000 to closer to \$100,000.

Donations to Mr Cadigan's cause can be made by visiting his website [www.ozonfoot.com](http://www.ozonfoot.com) where information, pictures and video blogs can also be found.

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