



Paul Henderson
CHIEF MINISTER

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Chief Minister to lead delegation to Japan to meet with JKC

Chief Minister Paul Henderson will today lead a delegation of the Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturer's Council to Japan to meet with JKC to discuss contracts flowing to Territory businesses from the \$34 billion Ichthys LNG project.

"The Ichthys LNG project investment by INPEX and Total was the single biggest investment by a Japanese company outside of Japanese soil and secured the future of the Territory economy," Henderson said.

"We are keen to meet with JKC to discuss in more detail how contracts from the massive \$34 billion project will flow on Territory businesses.

"The first contract awarded by JKC went to local based businesses Macmahon Contractors Pty Ltd in a 50:50 joint venture with John Holland – the \$340 million was the single largest contract awarded in the Territory's history and will create the first 375 jobs of the total 3000 new jobs this massive construction

"As well as being the gateway into Asia, Darwin is fast becoming the oil and gas capital of Australia.

"While in Japan I hope to secure agreements to deliver further opportunities for education and training pathways to ensure Territory kids can have access to high skill high wage jobs soon to be on offer.

"We will continue to work with JKC to provide new opportunities for Territory businesses to grow and capitalise on the massive business opportunities the Ichthys project brings.

"In 2009 we negotiated a Local Industry Participation Plan that means, where possible, local goods and services will be used. This means where a service or a product can be sourced from a Territory business at a competitive rate, it will be.

"We want to make sure Territory businesses can benefit from the \$34 billion Ichthys LNG Project – that's why last year we held workshops for more than 900 business owners and operators to learn how they can be best placed to bid for and benefit from work on major projects like Ichthys. More workshops are being planned for this year."

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