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Global Conservation Groups Support Kimberley Protection from Gas Hub in Australia

Twenty-five groups representing millions of people oppose destruction of sea turtle, whale and seabird habitat by oil companies

Twenty-five conservation groups representing millions of supporters from around the world are asking the governments of Australia to protect the Kimberley permanently from industrialization by petroleum and mining companies.



A statement of global concern opposing the gas hub at James Price Point will be delivered to the Broome community today by Teri Shore of Turtle Island Restoration Network, based in California. The hand-over will be held at 12:30 pm at Town Beach. [Link to the Statement of Global Concern.](#) [Link to large size version.](#)

"The wild and sacred Kimberley is internationally significant and warrants long-term protection, not industrialization for oil company profit," said Shore. The coast provides important sea turtle migration and foraging grounds, calving areas for humpback whales and is part of an internationally significant shorebird flyway.

This global statement of concern demonstrates broad international support for protecting the environmentally and culturally spectacular Kimberley by large U.S. conservation groups.

In Broome, Director of Environs Kimberley, Martin Pritchard, was glad to receive support from overseas. "There are a lot of Broome residents spending a lot of time and effort to stop the large gas refinery at James Price Point," he said. "Their efforts are not in vain. International support from so many people makes this fight global."

Neil McKenzie Co-chairman of Save The Kimberley said that "there is a lot of interest in the U.S. about industrialization in the Kimberley. Oil and gas companies seldom do the right thing by traditional land owners." Mr. McKenzie went to Houston Texas last year to take the fight to a larger audience. Shore and McKenzie collaborated there.

The Strategic Assessment on the proposed gas hub at James Price Point was released this week. Public comment will be open until March 8, 2011. [Read more about the proposed LNG plant.](#)