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Indigenous Impacts Report, Kimberley LNG Precinct

During 2009-2010 Professor Ciaran O’Faircheallaigh coordinated, on behalf of the Kimberley Land Council (KLC), an Indigenous Impacts study of one of Australia’s largest proposed resource projects, the common user Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility planned for James Price Point, on the Dampier Peninsula north of Broome in Western Australia. Involving an initial investment of US$30 billion and a construction workforce of some 6,000 people, the proposed ‘LNG Precinct’ would have major economic, social and cultural consequences for affected traditional owners and Kimberley Aboriginal people. The six – volume Indigenous Impacts Report was undertaken by the KLC as part of a joint Commonwealth – Western Australia Strategic Assessment of the LNG Precinct, due for completion during 2011. Professor O’Faircheallaigh managed the KLC’s Aboriginal Social Impact Assessment, involving extensive community consultations in Broome, Derby and Dampier Peninsula Aboriginal communities, and was lead author of the Aboriginal Social Impact Assessment Report. He was also lead author for the Report on Traditional Owner Consent and Community Consultation; an author for the Heritage Impact Assessment Report; and coordinated finalisation of the remaining reports for the KLC. The six volumes of the Indigenous Impacts Report are:

Volume 1: Overview and Consolidated Recommendations
Volume 2: Report on Traditional Owner Consent and Indigenous Community Consultation
Volume 3: Aboriginal Social Impact Assessment Report
Volume 4: Heritage Impact Assessment Report
Volume 5: Aboriginal Archaeological Site Avoidance Survey, James Price Point
Volume 6: Ethnobiology Studies Report

All six volumes are available at:
