

To chairman of Inpex, Naoki Kuroda, Dick Ward Drive provides a unique entrance to Darwin through the Kulaluk lease and continuing down to Fannie Bay, a scenic drive that will soon to be degraded by kilometres of advertising hoardings, traffic lights and industrial sheds

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Dear Sir

The chairman of Inpex, Naoki Kuroda, hopes his company will establish a relationship with Darwin that will grow over the next 50 years ('Inpex looking for long-term relationship,' October 15, page 4). Primarily, of course that relationship will be through the \$34 billion Icthus LNG project; however, Mr Kuroda suggests there may be opportunities to work together 'in other field too'.

Already Inpex has contributed to the community in many ways, not the least being the Larrakia Trade Training Centre, although many Larrakia people are yet to receive any benefit from Inpex's intrusion onto their land.

Allow me to suggest to Mr Kuroda a highly prestigious and visible project that will benefit the environment, Aboriginal people, all Darwin residents and visitors, as well as a continuing example of Inpex's long-term relationship with the community.

At present, the sweep of Dick Ward Drive provides a unique entrance to Darwin through the Kulaluk lease and continuing down to Fannie Bay, a scenic drive that will soon to be degraded by kilometres of advertising hoardings, traffic lights and industrial sheds – an opportunity lost.

Our petty government lacks the foresight to create a wilderness, cultural, heritage, educational and environmental park of world standards, as originally intended for the 301 hectare Kulaluk lease. In contrast, Inpex has shown itself to be a truly international 'can-do' company with vision, and willing to invest in the community. Dear Mr Kuroda, this is your opportunity to work with the Larrakia to sponsor a Trust to manage the lease for the benefit of the whole Darwin community, and turn this dream into reality.

Yours sincerely

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