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BAY VILLAGE WORKER CAMP — WOODSIDE ENERGY — JOINT DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL DECISION

720. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Will the Premier today publicly support the City of Karratha's 14 conditions for the Bay Village camp, including limiting the lease term to 10 years and restricting access to Woodside employees and contractors?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

It is a matter of a legal process, so it is subject to appeal by either party, as I understand it. My intervening in a matter that is before the courts is verging on improper. I want to see the maximising of jobs. I know that the National Party has a hatred of Woodside—a great Western Australian company. National Party members have a hatred of Woodside; it oozes out of their pores. I want to make sure that that Browse gas comes onshore. I think Colin Barnett was wrong in government, and he was wrong yesterday or today, whenever he said that somehow another gas plant needs to be built in Port Hedland. We already have numerous gas plants in Western Australia. Some people will argue there are too many, and there needs to be more cooperation between the parties to ensure that processing of gas is done in existing facilities. I do not believe, with facilities that are running down their production levels and running out of gas, that we should be heading down the path that Mr Barnett suggested. I am saying backfill North West Shelf, provide Karratha with a long-term future, and make sure all that investment by the state into Karratha is backed up by jobs.