
INPEX SUPPORTS KIMBERLEY ROCK ART CHAIR

INPEX CORPORATION (INPEX) has today shown its commitment to understanding and preserving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage by donating \$500,000 to Kimberley Foundation Australia.

INPEX's contribution helps enable the position of the Kimberley Foundation Ian Potter Chair in Rock Art at the University of Western Australia's Centre for Rock Art Research and Management to be perpetually endowed.

INPEX President Director Australia Seiya Ito welcomed the announcement today to appoint Professor Peter Veth as the inaugural Kimberley Foundation Ian Potter Chair in Rock Art. Professor Veth is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities and the London Society of Antiquaries and a leading expert in his field.

"Professor Veth's experience will be critical in delivering collaborative and integrated research into the Kimberley's cultural histories and will also help protect Aboriginal rock art of world significance," Mr Ito said.

"We understand the significance of this research not only for historical reasons but also the opportunities it will create for Aboriginal peoples through education and employment.

"This program will see Traditional Owners (TOs) working alongside archaeologists to ensure findings are recorded, maintained and available for future generations. As part of this process TOs will be trained as field assistants providing them with the skills to develop their future employment opportunities.

"In addition to this, the research program will help generate economic benefits for Traditional Owners who choose to share their history with tourists interested in learning about the Kimberley.

"INPEX's Australian head office is located in Perth and we see this as a unique opportunity to demonstrate the company's strong support in advancing the understanding of the State's cultural heritage."

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About INPEX

INPEX CORPORATION is a worldwide oil and gas exploration and production company currently involved in more than 70 projects across 27 countries. INPEX is ranked in the top 100 global energy companies and is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Part of the Australian business community since 1986, we are active in a number of projects in Australia and the Timor Sea, including the large-scale Ichthys LNG Project, Van Gogh, Ravensworth and Kitan oil projects, as well as the Bayu-Undan condensate development and associated Darwin LNG.

About the Ichthys LNG Project

The Ichthys LNG Project is a Joint Venture between INPEX group companies (the Operator), TOTAL group companies and other participants. Gas from the Ichthys Field, in the Browse Basin offshore Western Australia, will undergo preliminary processing offshore to remove water and raw liquids, including condensate. The gas will then be exported to the onshore processing facilities in Darwin via an 889km pipeline. The Ichthys LNG Project is expected to produce 8.4 million tonnes of LNG and 1.6 million tonnes of LPG per annum, along with approximately 100,000 barrels of condensate per day at peak.