

Darwin out for Browse

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Woodside Petroleum has formally scrapped Darwin from its list of potential supply bases for the Browse floating LNG project and not included any plans for a logistics operation at James Price Point.

Instead, Woodside expects to meet most of its maritime supply demands across Fremantle, Dampier and Broome, complemented by operations at the Karratha, Derby and Broome airports and Lombadina helicopter refuelling post, near Broome.

A purpose-built supply base has been left out, Woodside revealed in the project's final environmental impact statement (EIS) released yesterday.

The Darwin supply base option would have seen the Woodside-led project become the third Browse asset, following the Prelude FLNG and Ichthys LNG ventures, to be serviced from the NT.

Woodside is expected to reveal more details about Browse, including a rough development timetable, at its annual investor day in Melbourne today.