



## Garrett will veto gas plant site: bandmate

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Midnight Oil drummer Rob Hirst has landed bandmate Peter Garrett in hot water by suggesting yesterday the Federal Environment Minister would veto the preferred Kimberley site for a gas processing plant.

He made the remarks in Broome, where he was performing at a concert organised by opponents of

the James Price Point site favoured by Premier Colin Barnett.

"As Federal Minister he (Mr Garrett) does have very strong rights, very strong veto rights here, and I'm sure that his love of the area will mean that he will do his utmost to ensure that this particular area just north of Broome will not be the site for the gas plant," the ABC quoted Hirst as saying. "I'm sure that he'll do his

best to make sure that when, not if, the plant goes ahead that it won't be in a place as environmentally beautiful and as sensitive as this."

WA Liberal Senator Mathias Cormann said Hirst's comments showed Mr Garrett should not be making a call about the plant site.

A spokesman for Mr Garrett said he was focused on ensuring a thorough and rigorous assessment of potential development sites.