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Gas project win for city

Curtis Isle to host Qld's biggest development

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IT has been billed as the biggest and most significant industrial development in Queensland's history and, when completed, will earn a billion dollars in export income.

Yesterday in a marquee on a windswept hilltop on Gladstone's Wiggins Island overlooking its Curtis Island location, Santos announced its proposal to construct a multi billion dollar liquefied natural gas plant.

To be known as GLNG (Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas) the project, with a capital cost between five and seven billion dollars will harness coal seam gas throughout the Surat and Bowen basins, pipe it to Gladstone where it will be compressed at the Curtis Island plant before being shipped to overseas markets in south-east Asia.

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Premier Peter Beattie and Santos managing director John Ellice-Flint announced a proposal to construct a liquefied natural gas plant on Curtis Island (background) yesterday. beat180707-1