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The former State Liberal leader, Colin Barnett, has criticised the Government's draft management plan for the Burrup Peninsula, saying it won't do anything to protect the area's ancient Aboriginal rock art.

The plan has been released for comment by the Environment Minister, Mark McGowan, who says under the proposal, more than 60 per cent of the Burrup will be protected. It also contains recommendations for a visitor centre, accommodation and camping grounds.

Mr Barnett says while he supports properly managed tourism, he's strongly opposed to new accommodation on the Burrup.

COLIN BARNETT

That would be a retrograde step. There is already accommodation in Karratha and Dampier, and that is literally 20 minutes away. We should not be building those sorts of facilities out in this pristine environment.

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