

Art wages war

ENVIRONMENT Minister Mark McGowan visited Karratha yesterday to release a draft management plan for the Burrup Peninsula.

Members of the public are now able to comment on the draft after its unveiling at Hearsons Cove.

A spokesperson said a management plan was required to guide ongoing management.

An advisory committee overseeing the plan has already received information from a range of interested parties, which it used to help draft the plan.

Meanwhile, an Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee has deferred a sec-

tion 18 application by Woodside Energy to develop and operate its Pluto LNG plant on the Burrup Peninsula.

The committee's acting chief executive and registrar Natasha Firth said members would visit the site before making a decision.

She said a date for the visit was yet to be confirmed but it would be before the committee's next meeting on August 2.

The decision came just ahead of a forum presented by the WA branch of the National Trust of Australia in Karratha tomorrow night.

Special projects officer Robin Chapple said speakers would use the

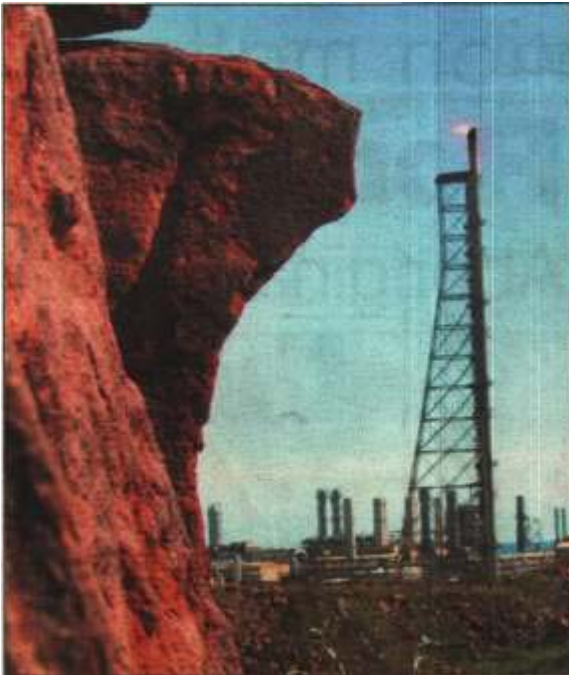
forum to look at the heritage issues of the rock art precinct.

He said the trust was leading the charge in seeking a national heritage listing for the precinct.

The Heritage Council of WA is also visiting the region this week.

Chairman Gerry Gauntlett said the Burrup and Cossack would be the focus of the council's visit.

Council members will also meet representatives of local government, community and business people at a reception tonight.



QUESTIONABLE FUTURE: The rock art of the Burrup Peninsula is set to come under more scrutiny this week.