

## Council absence

THE rock art meeting called by the National Trust at Lotteries House to save the rock art on the Burrup Peninsula was packed out.

It showed that there are lots and lots of concerned people interested in preserving the priceless heritage of irreplaceable rock art by stopping Woodside Energy from adding to the destruction it has already caused with its existing plant by building a new LNG plant on the Burrup - the Pluto project.

This should be a matter of primary concern to the members of the Roebourne Shire Council.

However, there was not one shire councillor present at this critical meeting.

Was their absence just a continuance of the council's lack of interest in the really important issues affecting this shire such as not only the preservation of this Burrup rock art but the destruction of Karratha as a desirable and financially viable place to live and raise a family?

This is because of the disastrous effects of the resource companies' fly-in, fly-out policy

and the ridiculous cost of rentals and real estate which makes it impossible for young families to live here, raise a family here and contribute to the growth and social life of this shire.

Or is it the 'don't rock the boat' syndrome that seems to have paralysed the council since the death of Kevin Richards?

The question is rapidly becoming 'what are the residents of the shire paying the councillors for?'

To protect and promote the interests of the residents of the shire or to promote and protect the bloated bottom lines of the resource companies and the State Government as well as their own personal interests?

To be a minion of the giant resource companies and the State Government or to be a champion of shire rights and obligations?

Unless the present shire councillors get their act together, they are NOT representing the best interests or the residents and they should be sacked.

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