

BurruP's future in heritage balance

Future industrial development on the Burrup Peninsula could be thrown into disarray if the WA Heritage Council recommends rock art be heritage listed.

The council committee toured the region last month and in a later meeting in Karratha unanimously resolved that the 20,000-year-old Aboriginal rock art in the region had the "highest cultural significance".

The committee is deciding how much of the area should be protected.

Heritage council member Professor David Dolan said Heritage Minister Michelle Roberts had been told the council considered the region to be of significant cultural value.

"How big exactly is that precinct, that is the question," he said. "Is it just the non-industrial areas, is it the whole peninsula, is it the whole archipelago?"

The region houses resources companies Woodside Energy, Hamersley Iron, Dampier Salt and Burrup Fertilisers.