

Senator wants more time to decide

FEDERAL Environment and Heritage Minister Ian Campbell has asked for more time to consider the proposed National Heritage listing of the Dampier Archipelago.

The Minister has sought public comment on the matter and National Trust WA chief executive officer Tom Perrigo said stakeholders needed to sit down together and find a win/win/win solution; a win for heritage a win for the environment and a win for industry.

"The Minister's announcement creates the opportunity to do just that", said Mr Perrigo said.

"The proposed boundaries of the listing, covering most of the archipelago, are an important step in recognition that this place is a single cultural landscape and has to be managed as a whole.

"There is no doubt that a balance can be found between the heritage values of this unique place, and the expansion of the LNG industry."

He went on to say there didn't need to be any more destruction of heritage that was internationally significant.

"It is clear from Senator Campbell's statements there is recognition the heritage management regime up to now has been inadequate and needs to be vastly improved," Mr Perrigo said.

Individuals and interested groups have until November 28 2006 to comment on the proposed listing.

To assist the community the National Trust has made available a number of reports on the rock art available at www.burru.org.au.