

Emissions not effecting Burrup rock art: report

PERTH: Emissions from industrial projects on Western Australia's Burrup Peninsula do not seem to be affecting a vast array of Aboriginal rock art in the area, the WA Government says.

A CSIRO report indicates Burrup Peninsula air pollution concentrations are generally very low in industrial areas and similar to those found throughout the Pilbara.

Resources Minister John Bowler said yesterday the Burrup's air quality seemed to be better than in many of Perth's suburban areas.

"The data suggested that the emissions in the industrial areas were not expected to affect the rock on the Burrup Peninsula," Mr Bowler said.

The CSIRO would continue to monitor air quality on Burrup over the next three years, he said.

There are hundreds of thousands of rock art petroglyphs on the Burrup, dating back to the last Ice Age.

Federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell is currently considering whether to add the art to the heritage list, which would help protect it from a planned LNG development.