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The Member for North-West Coastal in Western Australia, Fred Riebeling, has criticised a former Labor premier in her bid to protect ancient rock art on the Burrup Peninsula in the state's north-west.

Mr Riebeling says Carmen Lawrence's push for emergency heritage listing for the area is not based on fact.

Dr Lawrence and two other federal MPs have lodged an application to stop Woodside from relocating rock art engravings to clear the way for a liquefied natural gas processing plant.

Mr Riebeling says the pieces being shifted are at best ordinary.

"This area is creating the economic strength of the nation," he said.

"Some people may not wish it to remain the great strength of the nation, but those people will see a rapid decline in Australia's position economically if we close down this part of the world industrially."

Federal Heritage Minister Ian Campbell says he is committed to unprecedented protection of the Burrup rock art, but will not put new hurdles in front of the gas industry.

"I want to work with the Carpenter Government, I am working with the Carpenter Government and with Woodside and the other partners in the North-West Shelf to get a win for the environment, a win for our economy, but also to put in place unprecedented levels of protection for the great majority of the rock art up there," he said.

