

Attitudes towards Burrup rock art changing 'for the better'

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Value recognised: Aboriginal rock art in the Pilbara (file photo). (ABC: ABC)

The Federal Opposition's environment spokeswoman says there is a new recognition of the value of Aboriginal rock art on the Burrup Peninsula in the Pilbara.



Sharman Stone met representatives from Woodside yesterday to discuss its development plans, which include the Pluto project to be built on the heritage-listed Burrup site.

Dr Stone says company and public attitudes towards the culturally-sensitive rock art have changed for the better over the past 20 years.

"Decisions were taken years ago that there was industrial development and construction in this area," she said.

"I've been working with Woodside, been briefed by them, looking at their particular efforts to make sure they do right by their environment.

"They're very conscious of the need to protect what's around them, so I think there's now a consciousness and an understanding that wasn't here perhaps 20 years ago."