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Another industrial project could proceed on the environmentally and culturally sensitive Burrup Peninsula near Karratha, in addition to five already planned for the area.

The Government has argued, over the past 12 months, that despite serious concerns from scientists and conservationists, it could not ask for five proponents already planning their projects on the Burrup to move to a nearby industrial estate.

It's since been confirmed that a new proponent, DME International, is looking at a site on the Burrup to build a dimethyl etha* plant.

The author of a recent independent report on the proposed developments, engineer Peter Long, says any new projects should go to the Maitland Industrial Estate near the Peninsula. He says it was a mistake to use the Burrup for industry.

LONG

From an infrastructure organisation point of view it's a nightmare, the Burrup, and it always has been and no-one has really been accepting this fact and looking at the difficulties that it makes.

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