

Praise for WA rock art decision

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Two Pilbara Aboriginal groups in north-west Western Australia say the relocation of ancient rock art on the Burrup Peninsula shows Indigenous people in other parts of WA how to protect their culture.

Twenty-three years ago, 2,000 rocks featuring ancient engravings were salvaged during the construction of Woodside's gas plant.

Now the Yaburara Mundudhunera and Ngarluma Yindjibarndi people will move the rocks from a fenced compound to a site near the plant.

Elder Trevor Solomon says the agreement with the State Government sets a good example.

"It's a bit of an example, not only for the Aboriginal people, but for the wider Australian community," he said.

Noel Ashcroft from the Department of Industry and Resources says it is a great result after years of negotiation.

"It's certainly a step forward and a major step forward for this area," he said.

But not everyone is happy - the smallest Indigenous group in the area, the Wong-Goo-Tt-Oo, is yet to add its name to the agreement.