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The Federal Environment Minister, Ian Campbell, says concerns by Western Australian Premier Alan Carpenter about the possible heritage-listing of the Burrup Peninsula are unwarranted.

The area has been nominated for listing because it has thousands of pieces of Aboriginal rock art.

Mr Carpenter says a heritage listing would create delays and uncertainty for the resources industry.

Senator Campbell says he has had amicable meetings with the WA Resources Minister about the issue and Mr Carpenter's arguments do not make sense.

"His own Government is saying that we should heritage-list the Ningaloo area but shouldn't list the Burrup so they're in confusion on heritage," he said.

"He doesn't know what his own Resources Minister is saying and his own Resources Minister knows that the Federal Government and myself will have nothing to do with a heritage-listing process on the Burrup that doesn't absolutely guarantee the very important economic development in that region."