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Burrup Heritage must be protected

Environment and Heritage Minister Ian Campbell will be failing to protect Aboriginal rock art dating back to the last ice age unless he adds the whole Burrup rock art province to the National Heritage List.

“How dare he even consider not adding this area to the National Heritage List? It meets every one of the criteria for listing. It is clearly one of the most important cultural heritage sites on the planet, and it belongs on the National Heritage List,” Senator Rachel Siewert said.

“We appear now to be in the farcical situation where industry is determining what is heritage.”

“The Australian Heritage Council was due to provide its recommendations to Senator Campbell today. But without waiting to see this report, the Minister is reported to be proposing a watered down listing which will do nothing to protect the thousands of ancient rock carvings which are at risk.”

“Senator Campbell has a golden opportunity to make up for 30 years of State Government neglect and protect this extraordinary place.”

“The State Government is poised to approve the destruction of more rock art for Woodside’s Pluto Project, making it even more urgent that Senator Campbell faces up to his responsibilities as Heritage Minister.”

“There should be no further industrial development on the Burrup – future industry must be located outside the rock art precinct,” Senator Siewert said.



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