

Woodside and National Heritage Listing



In 2004 the Burrup Peninsula and surrounding area was nominated for inclusion on the National Heritage List (NHL) under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.

The Australian Heritage Council (AHC) subsequently completed its assessment of the area, and advised that most of the area met the threshold for inclusion on the NHL.

The AHC proposed a boundary which covers much of the Dampier Archipelago, including about 269 sq km of land.

Woodside does not oppose the inclusion of the Burrup on the NHL. We recognise the symbolic value of placing this region on the National Heritage List.

This position is conditional on changes to the EPBC Act currently before Federal Parliament becoming law, a gas precinct within an area of land already zoned for industrial development being excised from the boundary of the proposed NHL area, and a Burrup management plan being implemented before listing.

The gas precinct Woodside is proposing would reduce the area of land proposed for listing by about 7 sq km, or 2.5%. Rock art within this gas precinct would continue to be subject to strict heritage and environment laws and regulations, including the WA Environmental Protection Act and the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

Our goal is to destroy no rock art.



With the assistance of traditional custodians, Woodside's proposed Pluto liquefied natural gas plant has been redesigned to leave 95% of the estimated 3000 engravings on the Pluto leases untouched. The remaining 150 engravings will be relocated in consultation with local indigenous communities, or remain in place as a result of further refinement of our design.

The Dampier rock art precinct is estimated to contain between 250,000 and 1 million engravings.