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Green games

The Federal Minister for Environment and Heritage, Ian Campbell, has been in another stoush with the Japanese whalers. It is perhaps worth highlighting a ministerial contradiction between his well-known international advocacy of whales and his lack of ministerial interest in protecting the unique cultural heritage values of the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia's Pilbara region. As Campbell intends to give the go-ahead to Woodside's clearance of pre-Ice Age art on its Pluto lease on the peninsula on December 27 for the construction of a natural gas plant, I thought it as well to pass on today to the Japanese embassy in Canberra and the Japan Whaling Association as many details of his proposals as I could lay my hands on.

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