

Lawrence expects Burrup decision soon

FREMANTLE MHR Carmen Lawrence expects a decision to be made on her Burrup Peninsula demands before Christmas.

Dr Lawrence, with WA Senator Rachel Siewert and Peter Andren MP, have demanded that Environment Minister Ian Campbell put the peninsula on the heritage list.

Dr Lawrence said a note from the Department of Environment and Heritage to the three politicians indicated that the decision was likely sooner rather than later.

"The Minister for the Environment has an incredible opportunity here," Dr Lawrence said.

"He can make a Christmas

gift to the nation's heritage that will be the greatest cultural gift of its kind on the National Register.

"He can give to all of us the lasting protection of a treasure that has been described by one of its original nominators as 'a place of unparalleled artistic, cultural, religious and historical significance'."