



Woodside to remove rock art ASAP

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Woodside Petroleum says it will begin removing rock art from a site on the Burrup Peninsula as soon as possible.

Federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell today rejected an application to issue an emergency heritage listing on the site.

Senator Campbell has also given Woodside environmental approval to begin site works for its billion-dollar Pluto gas project.

The company says about 150 pieces of ancient rock art will need to be moved.

Wong-Goo-Tt-Oo elder Wilfred Hicks says he is against any development that affects rock art.

"I'm not very happy at all because they are destroying our heritage and as I've always said, they are destroying our bible that's lying on the Burrup," he said.