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Woodside starts on gas plant

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WOODSIDE Energy has started work on its Pluto liquefied natural gas plant on the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia's northwest.

Woodside said that site preparation for LNG storage tanks would include fencing, road access and relocating cultural heritage material over the first half of this year.

The Woodside project has drawn criticism because the company plans to move 165 Aboriginal rock carvings, believed to be thousands of years old.

A Woodside spokeswoman said that the rock art relocation would start within two or three weeks, depending on the progress of other work.

Australian Greens federal Senator Rachel Siewert said the Federal Government and Woodside would be remembered as vandals for allowing the destruction of rock art.

Last month, federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell rejected an emergency heritage listing application for the Burrup Peninsula by Senator Siewert.