

Putting rock art before gas

THE latest in a series of protests against the removal of Aboriginal rock art to make way for natural gas exploration in the Burrup Peninsula was held at Parliament House last week.

The Friends of Australian Rock Art staged the rally on Friday, July 13 to protest the potential destruction of the artwork.

Woodside's \$10 billion Pluto gas project at the peninsula has been approved by the State and Federal Governments, despite calls for the work to be moved to a cleared site nearby.

The group, which says the peninsula is Australia's largest cultural monument, has been running an international Stand Up for the Burrup campaign for the past two years.

Similar protests have been held in Fremantle and Subiaco as well as around the world in France, South Africa and the Netherlands. Speakers at last week's rally included Fremantle MHR Dr Carmen Lawrence and Steven Walker, from Greens WA.

See www.standupfortheburrup.com for details.



In the pink... protestor Ben Taylor, a Cuilmara-Noongar Elder at Parliament House last week. *Picture: Will Russell*

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