

Woodside launches Pilbara air quality tests

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Woodside is conducting air quality tests at its sites in the Pilbara. (Woodside)

Woodside has begun an air monitoring program in the Pilbara to try to show that emissions from its North-West Shelf venture are not adversely affecting human health.

The company will position four monitoring stations around Dampier and Karratha, in north-west Western Australia, and is negotiating with the Shire of Roebourne to place a comparison station in the town of Wickham.

Woodside is hoping the program will demonstrate that air quality will not degrade as industrial development continues on the Burrup Peninsula.

Shire president Brad Snell has welcomed the monitoring program.

"The more you can make decisions based on proper scientific evidence, in my view, the better," he said.

"To have dust monitoring systems or air control monitoring systems in various places you've really got hard evidence on which to make decisions rather than just relying on guesswork."