

Heritage probe clears Woodside

A Department of Indigenous Affairs investigation into allegations that oil and gas giant Woodside illegally moved an Aboriginal standing stone on the Burrup Peninsula has found the stone was of recent origin.

The standing stone was discovered at the company's Pluto Area B site in July and was moved by Woodside after an archaeologist found it had no cultural significance. The department was called to investigate amid concerns that a thorough examination into the stone's origins had not been carried out.

Department director-general Patrick Walker said an investigation concluded the stone was most likely of recent origin.