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Draft plan looks to greater Burrup Peninsula protection

More than 60 per cent of the Burrup Peninsula, in north-west Western Australia, will be protected for future generations under a draft management plan released by the State Government.

The plan focuses on the proposed freehold Aboriginal lands that would form the Burrup Peninsula Conservation Reserve.

Under the plan, the land will be jointly managed as a conservation reserve by the state and an Aboriginal corporate body.

Environment Minister Mark McGowan says the plan brings together the interests of many groups.

"It's been in gestation for a long period of time - we've worked with local Aboriginal communities, with the local community, with people with an interest in flora and fauna, with commercial interests and of course we have to take into account the industrial history of this area and the plan is attempting to bring together all those interests," he said.

The draft plan is available on the Naturebase website, public libraries in the Shire of Roebourne and offices of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

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