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## **Brown fears for 'important' WA rock art**

The national leader of the Greens will today spend a second day at the Burrup Peninsula, in north-west Western Australia, to help raise awareness of the area's Aboriginal rock art.

The State Government has recently released a plan which would leave 40 per cent of the Burrup open for further industrial development.

Greens' leader Bob Brown says the State Government does not see the importance of the rock art, which dates back more than 20,000 years.

Senator Brown says further damage to the internationally renowned site is inevitable.

"How would the world react to 40 per cent of the Mona Lisa being given over to sale by the French Government?" he said.

"What an absurdity for the Western Australian Government, which has other sites for industrial development in this region, to be giving away 40 per cent of one of the world's greatest rock art provinces."

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