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State to allow further destruction on the Burrup

The WA Minister for Indigenous affairs has revealed that the Government will allow Woodside to destroy more priceless rock art on the Burrup Peninsula in the north-west of Western Australia.

On June 25, 2006, Minister John Bowler said in a 60 Minutes interview "Any future expansion of the Burrup will not disturb the Art Galleries". Despite this, Woodside has been granted approval to destroy or remove 12% of the known artworks the site of the proposed Pluto development.

"The State Government has pre-empted Commonwealth Environment Minister Ian Campbell's deliberations on whether the Burrup should be added to the National Heritage Register," Senator Rachel Siewert said. "The State has confirmed that it will continue allowing industry to destroy sites on the Burrup, so it is more important than ever that Senator Campbell provides strong protection for the area."

"It is no longer possible for the Carpenter Government to plead ignorance. This is calculated heritage vandalism," Senator Siewert said.



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