

Letters

Burrup risks

The Premier's extravagant claims for the economic importance of the Burrup do not stand up (WA to fight heritage bid for Burrup, 31/8). There are no extractable minerals on the Burrup — the location is used for infrastructure, downstream processing and port facilities, all of which could be situated in another part of the region where cultural heritage would not be threatened and without significant impact on the economy. To say that the Burrup is "the very core of the Australian economy" which could be put in jeopardy by national heritage listing is reckless and untrue.

It is in Alan Carpenter's power to mark his premiership by protecting the cultural heritage of the Burrup rather than presiding over its destruction in the same fashion as a long line of premiers since Sir Charles Court.

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