

Postcards choke Campbell's mailbox

By Jodi Monaghan

HUNDREDS of protest postcards demanding the Burrup Peninsular be heritage listed have choked the Federal Heritage Minister's mailbox.

Last week, Greens WA Senator Rachel Siewert hand delivered hundreds of postcards to Senator Ian Campbell's Perth office.

'For several weeks I have been collecting signatures on a postcards requesting the Minister protect the whole peninsula, to prevent further encroachment by heavy industry,' she said.

'This is the responsible course by the Minister, since all the evidence points to the fact that the WA Government has neither the desire nor the competence to look after the place properly.'

A spokesman for Ms Siewert said the Stand Up for the Burrup postcards were flooding in from across Australia.

Scott Ludlam said the campaign had been so successful a second reprint of postcards was on order.

'The rock art province has got a huge national profile and we are getting about 20 to 30 postcards a day from people who want to see it protected,' he said.

'We had no idea how successful this campaign would be, it has really gained momentum across the country.'

'People are talking about it at functions throughout Australia.'

Ms Siewert believed Mr Campbell would be in Karratha this week to announce his decision regarding the Burrup heritage listing.

Mr Campbell's deadline to make a decision passed yesterday and Mr Ludlam believed he would utilise a second deliberation period.

'The Heritage Council is expected to make its report available this week sometime,' he said.

'If Mr Campbell wants to consider the report before making a final decision he will effectively bide his time for another four months.'

'This isn't good news for the rock art province because that gives Woodside another four months to continue work at the site.'

'A lot more rock art could be ruined in four months.'

However *Pilbara News* spoke to an assistant for Mr Campbell and she denied there had been plans to visit Karratha.

She could not confirm if a decision would be announced next week and said no timeline had been made.

Mr Ludlam urged all people concerned about the degradation of the world's largest outdoor art gallery to pick up a postcard.

He said Greens WA could be contacted on 1300 881 218 to request a postcard mail out.