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Dear Mr. Voelte,

Re: Managing risk to rock art on Burrup Peninsula

I write to enquire about Woodside Energy's future approach to managing risk on the Burrup Peninsula. Oxfam Australia is concerned about the threat to the internationally significant indigenous rock art posed by the proposed Holden Point location chosen for the Pluto LNG gas plant project.

As you will be aware, the Federal Environment Minister Senator Campbell has called for public comment and consultation on the heritage process. In the light of this and the recent assessment of the Australian Heritage Council that the Burrup Peninsula and Dampier Archipelago should be included on the National Heritage List, I urge Woodside to reconsider its opposition to the heritage listing of the area.

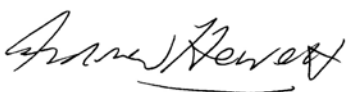
Drawing on our experience working with communities in developing countries affected by large mining developments, Oxfam Australia has learnt that the best outcomes for the company and the community occur when all stakeholders are engaged at the outset in dialogue to negotiate a satisfactory solution. For this reason Oxfam Australia strongly encourages Woodside to:

- ensure open and transparent communication with all stakeholders;
- support a comprehensive inventory of the rock art and archaeological sites of the Dampier Archipelago; and
- develop an overarching management plan that incorporates the means to monitor the management of this plan to the satisfaction of all stakeholders.

Finally, I ask that Woodside investigate alternative sites for the Pluto project thereby protecting the areas of remaining heritage significance. In particular I am aware of an option in developing the vacant quarried area adjacent to the proposed site that is currently leased by the joint venture partners which has already had significant ground disturbing activity and impact on its cultural heritage.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Hewett
Executive Director