



Press Release
The National Trust of Australia (WA)
Support for National Heritage Listing
The Dampier Rock Art Precinct

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The National Trust of Australia (WA) welcomes the WA State Government's acknowledgment of the significant heritage values of the Dampier Archipelago.

In its commendation of the decision by the WA State Government to work collaboratively with the Federal Government in protecting the Dampier Rock Art precinct, the Trust also recognises that many of the identified key initiatives are already underway.

The National Trust of Australia (WA), in its continued support for National Heritage Listing, has articulated the following recommendations:

- i) Management of the Dampier Archipelago, including the Burrup Peninsula, should be by a single, independent, fully funded body/authority, with the competency and capacity to oversee all issues of competing interests;
- ii) The independent authority should have representation of all stake holders, including Government, but not vested in or controlled by any agency of Government;
- iii) The independent authority should have the capacity to represent the wishes of the traditional custodians;
- iv) The independent authority should not make or allow any decisions pertaining to land use, until the cultural heritage values of the place, including aesthetic, social, scientific, historic and spiritual have been determined.

The proposal presented by Woodside Energy yesterday had markedly reduced the area proposed to be impacted upon by industry but was still proposing to develop in areas of high Rock Art density.

The National Trust of Australia (WA) looks forward to working with the State and Federal Governments to overcome these conflicts.

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