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A delegation of federal politicians have applied for an emergency heritage listing of the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, Labor's Carmen Lawrence and the independent Member of Parliament Peter Andren say developers of an onshore gas plant, including Woodside Petroleum, want to destroy or move artforms carved by Aboriginal inhabitants thousands of years ago.

Doctor Lawrence says the Burrup petroglyphs, standing stones and ancient camp sites have global heritage status and the Minister should act to protect them.

"If you read the report recommending listing, it doesn't pull any punches, it's a very strong recommendation," she said.

"In light of that recommendation, growing community concern and indications that Woodside [is] proceeding with preparatory work on site, we're very keen to ensure the Minister stops anything happening."