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Heritage listing Burrup Peninsula threatens gas industry: Campbell

The Federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell says an application lodged today to urgently heritage list the Burrup Peninsula on the West Australian coast threatens Australia's natural gas export industry.

The application was jointly lodged by WA Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, Federal Labor Member of Parliament (MP) Carmen Lawrence and independent MP Peter Andren.

The group claims urgent action is necessary because of indications Woodside Petroleum is about to proceed with preparatory work for its on-shore gas development.

The project involves the removal of 165 pieces of ancient Aboriginal rock art.

Senator Campbell has told the Senate he will not be jeopardising the gas industry.

"I call on Kevin Rudd to call Carmen Lawrence into line, saying that he supports our natural gas exports, he supports the contribution Australia can make to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and he supports a sensitive approach to heritage listing," he said.

"A win, win, win for Australia."

Senator Campbell says an assessment is already under way and under this application he will have just 10 days to make a decision.