

Group fights for Burrup rock art

THE City of Fremantle Nyoongar Advisory Committee has joined the chorus of those opposed to the State and Federal Government's decision to allow work to start on Burrup Peninsula.

Woodside's \$10billion Pluto gas project at the peninsula has been given the green light by both governments, despite calls for the work to be moved to a cleared site nearby.

The committee – made up of members from the local Nyoongar community, City of Fremantle representatives and Fremantle councillors – described this as a devastating blow for Aboriginal heritage.

Chairman Brad Collard said there were 165 pieces of Aboriginal rock art under threat at the Burrup site.

“There is simply no dollar amount that can be placed on them if any are destroyed – they're priceless,” he said.

The Burrup Peninsula, in the North-West, is a unique ecological and archeological area with one of the world's largest collections of petroglyphs – rock carvings dating back to the last ice age.