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Burrup bulldozed while Turnbull fiddles

As expected, Mr Turnbull has again delayed a decision on National Heritage Listing for the unique Burrup Peninsula rock art province.

"Mr Turnbull is unfortunately following in the footsteps of previous Minister Senator Campbell, who repeatedly delayed making a decision on listing" said Senator Siewert, Australian Greens Senator for WA.

"It is extremely disappointing that Mr Turnbull has failed his first test as Minister responsible for heritage. This is a unique place that meets the criteria for heritage listing. He is making Australia an international laughing stock."

"Following Senator Campbell's last delay, Site A of the Woodside development was bulldozed, resulting in the removal of hundreds of pieces of rock art and loss of their cultural value," said Senator Siewert.

"Mr Turnbull's delay could well see the loss of further art from Site B."

It was revealed in Estimates last week that no moves had been made by the Minister or the Commonwealth to open or facilitate discussion of possible co-location of the Woodside development on the NW Shelf Joint Venture site – a true win win for the Burrup.

"I ask once again - why hasn't the Commonwealth used its influence to try and facilitate such discussions? Mr Turnbull is failing Australia's heritage, and one can only presume the reason for delay is to let development proceed without heritage listing," Senator Siewert concluded

"So much for a new style from the new Minister" said Senator Siewert.



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