

Committee backs Burrup Peninsula heritage move

THE City of Fremantle Nyoongar Advisory Committee has welcomed a move to place rock art at the Burrup Peninsula on the National Heritage List.

Chairman Brad Collard said the rock art was of significant cultural value to indigenous people and the wider community.

“We need to preserve it for generations to come,” he said.

Federal Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull made the announcement last Friday, February 23, on the day the Friends of Australian Rock Art voiced their concerns with a day of action outside the Department of Indigenous Affairs in Perth.

It wants WA Heritage Minister Michelle Roberts to support the wishes of the Aboriginal community and preserve their cultural heritage. Mr Collard also called on Mrs Roberts to show compassion. The Burrup Peninsula has one of the world’s biggest collections of rock carvings dating to the last ice age.