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Petition

HON BARBARA SCOTT (South Metropolitan) [3.32 pm]: I present the following petition -

To the Legislative Council of the State Parliament of Western Australia

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia assembled.

We, the undersigned residents of Australia, our friends and supporters submit this petition in protest of the proposed establishment of the Woodside LNG land based Pluto development on site A & B on the Burrup Peninsula and further oppose the development of any further industrial infrastructure on any of the islands that make up the Dampier Archipelago that may impact on the National Heritage values of the place.

It is acknowledged that the Dampier Archipelago contains what is probably the largest assemblage of rock engravings (petroglyphs) anywhere in the world. Not only does this art include some of the earliest on earth (probably more than 30,000 years old), but the art spans tens of millennia to the coming of Europeans, and all the material (art, stone structures, shell middens, artefact scatters) provides one of the few chronologies in the world of environmental and social change through the last ice age to the present.

In light of the above statement we request that the Legislative Council review all scientific data and expert advice on the scientific, cultural and heritage values of the rock art, standing stones and other components of the archaeology that exists on the islands of the Dampier Archipelago.

We further request that the Legislative Council investigate the heritage, scientific and economic values of such facilities against alternative locations at other regional sites and Burrup locations. We identify that we do not oppose industrial development or the Woodside Pluto project at appropriate locations.

Your petitioners therefore request that you give this matter earnest consideration, and your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

The petition bears 269 signatures and I certify that it conforms to the standing orders of the Legislative Council.

[See paper 2586.]