

Stand Up for Burrup

By Catherine Somerville

ACTION is ramping up in protest to protect ancient indigenous rock art on the Burrup Peninsula.

Action group GetUp last week presented Woodside with a petition of 18,000 signatures and a collection of 25,000 submissions in support of a win-win solution for the future management of the Burrup Peninsula.

“GetUp’s proposal is a win-win solution for heritage and industry concerns,” executive director Brett Solomon said.

“It encourages the (Pluto) plant’s relocation to a more suitable site, and prevents the needless destruction of one of Australia’s, and the world’s most precious but little-known heritage sites.”

Mr Solomon said the proposed development ‘threatens unnecessary destruction’.

“Expert studies have show much more suitable sites nearby can be used, without forever losing some of the oldest surviving human art on the planet,” he said.

GetUp spokesman Shakthi Sivanathan said the response from Woodside was positive.

Stand Up for the Burrup is another action group ramping up their coverage with protest all around the world to save the ancient art.

To date there have been 29 stand-ups around the world in cities including Paris, Rome, Barcelona, Madrid and Perth.

Last week Stand Up held a protest on the Burrup and there are many more stand ups planned for the future.

For more information on both causes visit www.standupfortheburrup.com and www.getup.org.au.



Protesters Stand up for the Burrup at the Burrup.