

# Protest against new plant

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DEMONSTRATORS staged a protest against a possible new processing plant being built on the Burrup Peninsula.

About 40 people turned out Wednesday, April 9 for the Stand Up For The Burrup action, which was staged at the water tank and lookout north east of Burrup Fertiliser's processing plant.

Protesters want the area world heritage listed to protect Aboriginal artefacts.

There are hundreds of thousands of petroglyphs dotted around the peninsula.

Friends of Australian Rock Art international coordinator Remi Vignals said the group was voicing its objection to second processing plant being built alongside the current Burrup Fertiliser plant.

"We heard some talk about it (and) we are saying 'no' to a development of a second Burrup Fertiliser plant," he said.

"About 35 to 40 people came - we organised a bus from Roebourne with about 25 Ngarluma (members) attending."

He said protesters were highlighting the significance of Burrup Penin-

sula and that permission was needed from the land's traditional owners in order to develop the area.

"We started with an introduction to the Burrup, how we should respect the land and asked the Aboriginal (custodians') permission to come into the Burrup," Mr Vignals said.

The group's convenor, Robin Chapple, said the rock art present on Burrup Peninsula was of significant cultural and historical significance and many artefacts risked being displaced or destroyed by further industrialisation.

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we are doing globally," Mr Chapple said.

"It's happening from Rio Di Janeiro to Carnegie Hall in America."

"We are aware about Burrup Fertilisers' plans to expand towards Hearson's Cove.

"We don't know if it will go ahead but we would not want to see any further industrialisation on the Burrup."

Burrup Fertilisers' corporate director Wolfgang Jovanovich said there were no concrete plans in place for a second processing plant and little basis for the protesters' concerns.

"We have talked about building another plant, but it is just that - it's only talk and concept work and a long way off from any sort of development," Mr Jovanovich said.

"It is only a question of, if we decide to go ahead.

"There is nothing formal - there is nothing hidden or something clandestine.

"We don't do things like that.

"If something should happen then there will be due consultation with all parties and stakeholders."



Protesters take to the Burrup Peninsula on Wednesday, April 9, to demonstrate their opposition to any further industrial development.