

Applications wanted

THE Rock Art Foundation Committee is seeking applications for projects to recognise, protect and conserve the National Heritage values of the Dampier Archipelago (including the Burrup Peninsula), in the Pilbara.

The committee was established under the conservation agreement Woodside signed with the Australian Government in July 2007 when the government placed the Dampier Archipelago on the National Heritage List.

The agreement included a commitment to invest up to \$34 million on four objectives through the Rock Art Foundation.

The objectives included identifying and managing sites with National Heritage values and researching, monitoring and promoting these values.

The committee is seeking fully-costed proposals from interested parties to undertake projects starting in 2009 which achieve one or more of the conservation agreement objectives.

Woodside executive vice-president of the Pluto LNG Project Lucio Della Martina said the agreement demonstrated Woodside's commitment to ensure that industry and cultural heritage can harmoni-

ously co-exist.

"The conservation agreement represents the largest single investment by an Australian company to a National Heritage place," Mr Della Martina said.

"Through this call for projects, we are proactively investing in conserving the heritage values of this region for future generations.

"This is a significant opportunity for individuals or groups to obtain funding to make their projects a reality."

Funding guidelines and an application form are available at www.woodside.com.au/rockartfoundation or by calling 1800 634 988.

Applications close at 5pm, Friday, October 24.