

Barnett urged to stop Burrup plant

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Environmentalists are urging Western Australia Premier Colin Barnett to stop a \$600 million proposal to build an ammonia nitrate plant on the Burrup Peninsula.

Ammonia nitrate is the main raw material for explosives.

Burrup Holdings plans to build the plant next to its existing fertiliser facility in the state's north-west.

The project will operate under the name Burrup Nitrates, a joint venture between Burrup Holdings and Norwegian company Yara International.

Details of the plan were revealed to the Shire of Roebourne on Wednesday.

Robin Chapple is the co-convener of Friends of Australian Rock Art.

He says the Burrup should not be used for industrial purposes.

"[I] hope Colin Barnett sticks to his word and ensures these developments go to more appropriate locations," he said.

The Burrup is home to the world's largest collection of Aboriginal rock art.