

Question On Notice No. 5557 asked in the **Legislative Council** on **16 October 2007** by **Hon Giz Watson**

Question Directed to the: **Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development**

Minister responding: **Hon E.S. Ripper**

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Question

With regard to the Dampier Archipelago (including the Burrup Peninsula) being included on the National Heritage List, I ask -

(1) Does the State Government intend to pursue large-scale industrial development within the National Heritage Listed place as per the Burrup Maitland Industrial Agreement?

(2) If yes to (1), which areas is the Government still considering using that fall within the National Heritage Listed place?

(3) If yes to (1), why?

(4) If no to (1), does this compromise the intent of the Burrup Maitland Industrial Agreement?

(5) If yes to (4), how?

(6) If no to (4), why not?

(7) Specifically are the industrial areas identified as Conzinc South, Withnell East, Stage 1A and Stage 2 (West Intercourse Island), still contained within the areas of potential industrial or port development being considered by the State Government?

Answered on 15 November 2007

(1) No decisions on this matter have been made by the State Government. I am informed that *the Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999)* accommodates development in a National Heritage place providing the development does not have a significant impact on the National Heritage values for which the area was listed. The State will proactively manage the area in accordance with identified national heritage values.

(2) N/A.

(3) N/A.

(4) The State remains fully committed to its obligations under the Burrup and Maitland Industrial Estates Agreement.

(5) N/A.

(6) N/A.

(7) See answer to question 1.