

World Heritage linked to Burrup

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THE State may have to cooperate further with the Federal Government over protection for the Burrup rock art before the Federal Government considers World Heritage Listing for Ningaloo reef.

Federal Environment and Heritage Minister Ian Campbell took a swipe at the State Government when he was in Carnarvon recently calling them "hypocritical" on the issue of World Heritage.

"They have asked for our

help with Ningaloo but are not interested in the Burrup," Minister Campbell said. "I don't take them seriously."

Minister Campbell was referring to a bid for National Heritage listing over the Burrup rock art that the State Government has refused to support.

There are three submissions in front of the National Heritage Council all calling for Federal protection for the Burrup.

Minister for Resources John Bowler said the State Government had gone to significant efforts to protect the Burrup rock art from the possible effects of industry and it was possible for rock art and industry to co-exist.

"The inclusion of any part of the area on the National Heritage List would result in significant risk and future economic development in the Burrup industrial precinct would be deterred," Mr

Bowler said.

The Government fully appreciates the significant heritage values of the Indigenous rock art of the Dampier Archipelago and Burrup Peninsula and is committed to protecting those values through effective State management. This includes a \$4million package to be spent on heritage management services.