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Come clean on Burrup vandalism

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert has called on the State Government to come clean on whether it plans to allow Woodside to destroy more of the priceless rock art on the Burrup Peninsula in the Pilbara.

“How much of the rock art is Woodside seeking to move or destroy? Will the State Government stick to its commitment to protect sites on the Burrup, or will we see an escalation of the vandalism of the past?”

On June 25, 2006, Minister John Bowler said in a 60 Minutes interview "Any future expansion of the Burrup will not disturb the Art Galleries". Despite this, Woodside is seeking approval to destroy or remove more of the artworks on the site of the proposed Pluto development.

“These applications should have been rejected out of hand. I want to know whether the Indigenous Affairs Minister Sheila McHale is seriously contemplating another round of destruction on the Burrup, or if she intends to stick up for the heritage responsibilities she is entrusted with,” Senator Siewert said.



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