

One of the World's 100 Most Threatened Monuments
The Burrup Peninsula - Western Australia

Our Ancient National Heritage



- The Burrup Peninsula, traditionally called Murujuga, on the north western coast of Western Australia, and sacred to the Yaburara clan, contains one of the world's largest and most important concentrations of prehistoric rock art (petroglyphs).
- Murujuga consists of up to one million of these ancient rock carvings that date further back than the last ice age – the earliest being 30,000 years old. The collection of standing stones may be the largest in the world. Ancient campsites and artefacts cover the whole area.
- Older than Stonehenge, this place of incredible national and world heritage has already lost over 20% of the stones through removal or pollution from emissions of the industrial estate that has been allowed to develop on the peninsula.
- Indeed BHPbilliton decided *against* developing its new gas plant on the Dampier Archipelago citing the heritage significance of the place.
- However **Woodside** petroleum wants to go ahead with further development there at its Pluto project, instead of using alternative nearby sites, and has lobbied for the lifting of heritage protections to do so.
- Building of new plants there will result in actual removal and destruction of part of this irreplaceable heritage, and an escalation of destructive heavy air pollution.
- For the first time, an Australian monument has been listed on the List of the 100 Most Threatened Monuments – because the Premier of Western Australia refuses to relocate further planned massive industrial development there.
- Incredibly, the Australia Federal Minister for the Environment & Heritage agrees, citing that the development of the liquid gas and petrochemical industries at that place – and not at the alternative sites - is in the best interests of the environment...where toxic and greenhouse gas emissions will be trebled. Note the Minister is also a senator for Western Australia.
- Without your help, this extraordinary record of Australia's very first peoples is under threat of being destroyed by the end of the century.

And all because of the refusal to insist further industrial development relocate nearby.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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- Do a google search under “burrup peninsula” or “murujuga” to learn about this important site.
- Read the Draft Plan of Management, and provide comment by 11th September 2006.
 - http://www.naturebase.net/national_parks/management/burrup_peninsula_cr_management.html
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- Contact members of the Western Australian Parliament: see www.parliament.wa.gov.au
- Contact your own Federal Members and Senators – see “Who’s who” at www.aph.gov.au
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- Write to newspapers and media, keep it short and simple. Try the West Australian at www.thewest.com.au
- Whilst individual letters and personal contact works best, you can sign an online petition at www.petitiononline.com/dampier/petition.html
- ***Alert your friends, family and colleagues by sending this information to as many contacts you can, both in Australia and internationally.***