

What decision?

No progress made on rock art

By Ben Cranston

BURRUP rock art will hang in the balance for another six months with Federal Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull choosing to sit on his hands and delay his decision, according to Mineral Policy Institute director Robin Chapple.

"Three years in the making and we didn't even get a dog's dinner," Mr Chapple said.

"Turnbull just took the bowl away and gave it to the WA State Government and Industry to fight over, saying he will consider cleaning up after them.

"Government and industry will do what they want for another six

months."

Changes to the Environmental Protection and Biological Conservation Act, made late last year, allowed Mr Turnbull to throw his hands in the air.

Mr Chapple said the decision whether or not to put the Burrup on the National Heritage Listing left Mr Turnbull in a difficult position.

Either industry or archaeological groups would be outraged, depending on his decision, so he took the easy way out.

Mr Turnbull said he would consult fully with key stakeholders on the Burrup Peninsula so that a long-term heritage solution could be found.



An example of the thousands of pieces of rock art found on the Burrup Peninsula.