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Standing Up for World Heritage Listing in 2009:

Release of FARA's 2009 Burrup Heritage Calendar

Friends of Australian Rock Art is today releasing its 2009 Burrup World Heritage Calendar to mark the second anniversary of its global 'Stand Up for the Burrup' campaign.

This unique publication features never-before published images of Burrup rock art, as well as greatest hits from FARA's two year global 'Stand Up' campaign, including 'Stand Up' images at the Colosseum, Great Wall of China, Stonehenge, the Eiffel Tower, Istanbul, the Acropolis and other iconic UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The ancient rock engravings of the Burrup Peninsula/Murujuga document in stone perhaps as much as 30,000 years of human cultural activity, and include possibly the earliest known representations of the human face, as well as images of animals like the thylacine (reproduced in the calendar), which have been locally extinct in the Pilbara for several thousand years.

Sadly, this site of global cultural significance is still threatened by State Government-sponsored industrial expansion, and is currently the only Australian site ever to have been listed on the World Monument Fund's list of the world's 100 most endangered cultural monuments, which includes Machu Picchu and Angkor Wat.

The calendar has been produced in collaboration with Murujuga traditional owners, and shows pictures from their campaign to protect this major Aboriginal site.

The calendar's dramatic aerial photo of Woodside's Pluto leases on the Burrup reveals for the first time the full extent of the company's recent clearance of rock art to make way for its Pluto LNG plant in the heart of the Burrup.

To highlight the importance of World Heritage listing this major world monument, FARA is distributing copies of the calendar to every member of WA State Parliament, as well as other key decision makers.

To view calendar images, see:
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