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Xavier Rudd: Standing up for the Burrup

The 160th Stand Up for the Burrup was a huge one, with Xavier Rudd leading the charge to stop the destruction of the Burrup Rock Art at his latest concert in Portugal.

On Saturday 12th July 2008 at 7.30pm in Lisbon at the "Optimus Alive!08 Festival", in front of an audience of 15,000 European fans, Xavier Rudd, the Australian singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and activist, told the world that the destruction of Burrup Rock Art was a global issue, not just an Australian one.



"The north west coast of Australia is the world's oldest outdoor rock art gallery, containing history that relates to the start of human existence on the planet. I don't think the French government would be in support of demolishing the Louvre in Paris for the sake of economic growth, and I am constantly baffled by our Australian government and their lack of respect for our country" said Xavier Rudd.

The Burrup contains some of the greatest and oldest works of art in the world, 30,000 years of human history and culture continues to be destroyed, even as Xavier spoke.

Burrup, the world is watching you.

Yet, despite global concern, the Western Australian Government continues to promote the Burrup Peninsula as the ideal place to do business and in doing so continues to promote industrial vandalism.

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