



# Media Alert

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## **Friends of Australian Rock Art condemn “Tourism WA” as insensitive.**

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At the Northern Development Taskforce, Tourism WA proposed that the Kimberly LNG industry should be developed on the already impacted world archeological site of the Burrup.

They did so in the context of trying to protect the wilderness values of the Kimberley.

Mr Chapple FARA’s convener, attending the Northern Development Taskforce, today condemned WA Tourism for its insensitivity over the world’s largest petroglyph site.

“How arrogant of Tourism WA to call for further destruction of the Burrup when they have singularly failed to promote tourism and the values of the area, one of the last remaining Wonders of the World”, said Mr Chapple

“I feel they are merely acquiescing to the State Governments pro destruction agenda for the Dampier Archipelago.”

The 72 nations that make up the World Archaeological Congress have already called for a halt to any further destruction of heritage in the Dampier Archipelago.

The World Monuments Fund and the national Trust of Australia both list the Dampier Archipelago as one of the most endangered heritage sites in the world and Australia and the area is now on Australia’s National Heritage List.

“If WA Tourism were fair dinkum they would be working overtime with the local indigenous communities to promote the area as one of the most important sites to visit in Australia,” said Mr Chapple.

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