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FARA meets new Minister over Burrup

FARA held a constructive meeting with the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, Peter Garrett on Wednesday morning 30th January at the Hyatt Regency, 99 Adelaide Terrace Perth, prior to the Minister returning to Canberra.

The meeting focused on National Heritage listed Dampier Rock Art Precinct and its World Heritage values.

In attendance at the meeting were three representatives of FARA, The Hon Peter Garrett AM MP and members of his staff.

The issues discussed were, the establishment of Dampier Archipelago World Heritage Listing.

The issue of encouraging the State to put in place an indigenous heritage regime that provides the same level of protection as applied to non indigenous heritage.

What level of assistance the Minister could provide to encourage industry to follow the eminent examples of BHP Billiton and Apache Energy and establish industry at adjacent more suitable locations.

FARA's concern over the signing of any Bilateral Agreement with the state government as FARA believed the state could not be trusted.

FARA's position that no further industrial or infrastructure development of the Dampier Archipelago be permitted and seeking his support in trying to reduce the existing corrosive airborne emission load on the Dampier Archipelago.

The meeting was a productive one leading to a greater understanding by the Minister and his staff of the issues surrounding the global scientific value of the periods of recorded human prehistory in the Dampier Archipelago.

FARA's meeting followed the Minister's Tuesday 29th January visit to the Burrup, where he met with traditional owners, Woodside and toured some of the petroglyphs with the indigenous custodians.