

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Thursday, 18 May 2017

C066. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

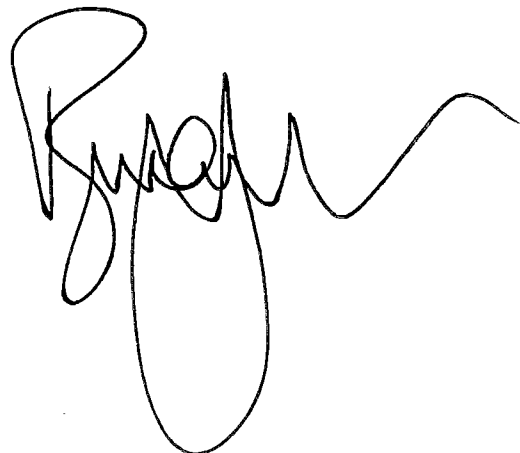
I refer to “The Rock Engravings at Port Hedland Northwestern Australia” by Frederick McCarthy, Curator of Anthropology, Australian Museum, dated 1958, and in relation to page 55 Conservation I ask:

1. With reference to site 11943 Two Mile Ridge, Nelson Point who is required to monitor the dilapidated and destroyed fences and state of the petroglyphs?
2. With reference to the many petroglyphs that exist to the east of the fenced site on Two Mile Ridge what protection is afforded to these petroglyphs that are not on the register?

Answer

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The following information has been provided to me by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs:

1. The Department of Aboriginal Affairs is responsible for monitoring DAA 11943 (Two Mile Ridge, Nelson Point). In 2016, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs approved a grant to repair the fence as an interim measure while a broader management plan is developed for the site with Aboriginal Traditional Owners.
2. All petroglyphs located along Two Mile Ridge are protected under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* whether or not they are on the Register of Places and Objects.

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