

Media Release



Fortescue hosts WA Registrar of Aboriginal Sites

PERTH, 25 November 2011: Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) has this week hosted a visit by the Western Australian Registrar of Aboriginal Sites to the Solomon Hub. The Registrar, Ms Kathryn Przywolnik, has been on site at the Solomon Hub since Tuesday this week working alongside members of the Wirlu-murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (WMYAC) to review the heritage values of the site.

Fortescue has been pleased to facilitate this visit and has been transparent and accountable at all times during the heritage approvals process.

Most importantly, Fortescue has at all times engaged senior Yindjibarndi Traditional Owners and qualified archaeologists and anthropologists in managing Aboriginal heritage sites at the Solomon Hub. Many important sites have been protected including burial sites and a significant stone arrangement.

The company is proud of its outstanding track record in protecting Aboriginal sites of significance. Notably, Fortescue has avoided impact to many hundreds of sacred Aboriginal rock art engravings and other such sites across its project area. Fortescue dedicates a great deal of time and resources to this protective approach and will continue to do so.

Today, Michael Woodley and YAC also requested permission to visit the Solomon Hub, and again Fortescue was pleased to agree. Regrettably, Mr Woodley has refused to attend under standard site safety and security conditions including that he not bring media or recording devices onto the mine construction site.

This is a long term pattern on the part of Michael Woodley who has for four years refused to be part of this process and has instead embarked on a media campaign that is based on misinformation and misrepresentation. Michael Woodley's actions are obviously motivated by financial outcomes rather than a desire to protect Aboriginal heritage sites.

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