



## **Official Statement**

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## The Indigenous Land Corporation supports Uluru climb closure announcement

The Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) wishes to reinforce its support of the Uluru Kata Tjuta Board of Management's decision to close the Uluru climb from October 2019.

ILC chairman Mr Eddie Fry says the ILC is pleased the Traditional Owners' views have been heard and as such, Parks Australia's decision to introduce a no-climb rule in 2019 further reinforces the cultural significance of the site.

"The ILC is of the strong view that this decision acknowledges the cultural importance of Uluru – an iconic Australian landmark – and provides the opportunity for meaningful engagement between Traditional Owners and visitors to the area," Mr Fry said.

The ILC-owned subsidiary Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia (VITA) provides economic development opportunities for Indigenous people through its operation of Ayers Rock Resort, with 334 Indigenous people (38 per cent of VITA's overall workforce) currently employed onsite.

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