



**AUSTRALIAN
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**ACF comments on a referral under the Environment Protection Act
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Koongarra Remediation Project

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The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) is a leading national environmental organisation working to achieve a healthy environment for all Australians.

We have been a strong voice for the environment for decades, promoting solutions through research, advocacy, education and partnerships. We work with the community, business and government to protect, restore and sustain our environment.

ACF has a long and continuing engagement in the discourse around uranium mining issues in the Kakadu region and welcomes this opportunity to contribute to the NT EPA's consideration of the federal application to advance rehabilitation works at Koongarra.

This rehabilitation work is both welcome and overdue. It is needed to finally close the long-running threat of uranium mining and associated impacts at Koongarra and to give effect to the clear wishes of the senior Djok Traditional Owner.

The proposed work is consistent with the NT EPA's environmental protection mission and aligns with both the Kakadu National Park management plan and federal legislation.

ACF notes the applications exploration of the possible issues associated with the rehabilitation works and has confidence in the proponents proposed mitigation measures. ACF welcomes the further assurance provided by the scrutiny of external actors, including ARPANSA, the NT EPA and related EPBC consideration.

It is ACF's view that, properly managed, any adverse short term impacts from the proposed rehabilitation works will be greatly outweighed by the lasting benefit to the regions natural and cultural values.

ACF deeply acknowledges and admires the tenacity and generosity of the senior Djok Traditional Owner through the wider Koongarra story and the support provided by related First Nation peoples, in particular the Mirarr.

ACF maintains that this application outlines a body of work that is positive, consistent with clear First Nation aspirations and that will result in beneficial natural and cultural outcomes.

ACF strongly supports the advance of the proposed rehabilitation project and looks forward to constructively engaging with its future progress.

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