

Annual Compliance Report

Project: Uluru Lodge Walk

EPBC Number: 2020/8840

Reporting Period: 17/02/2025 – 16/02/2026

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Description of Activities

EPBC Reference	2020/8840
Project Name	Uluru Lodge Walk, Northern Territory
Project Location	Uluru-Kata Tjuṯa National Park
Person to whom the approval is granted (approval holder)	Uluru Lodge Walk Pty Ltd
ACN - approval holder	629 363 140
Approved Action	<p>To construct and manage a walking track approximately 40 km in length, supported by three semi-permanent to permanent camps, two lunch spots and three vehicle access tracks to the camps in the Uluru-Kata Tjuṯa National Park, with an associated clearing footprint of approximately 10.4 ha of native vegetation.</p> <p>[See EPBC Act referral 2020/8840].</p>
Details of Activities undertaken during the reporting period (refer to Appendix).	<p>Civil Works phase: ongoing construction of three permanent camp sites, the associated walking trail (approx. 40 km), two toilet-lunch stop amenities, and vehicle access tracks required for servicing the camps.</p>

EPBC Approval Conditions Compliance

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Construction/Clearance Limits			
1	To avoid and minimise direct impacts to Commonwealth land, World Heritage values of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park World Heritage property, National Heritage values of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park National Heritage place, and protected matters including, but not limited to, the Night Parrot, Princess Parrot and Great Desert Skink, the approval holder must not clear outside the project area. The approval holder must not clear more than 9.114 ha of native vegetation within the project area.	Compliant	The project has a total impact area of 8.68065ha with a lesser amount involving clearance of native vegetation in the reporting period. All clearing conducted was inside the project area.
2	To avoid direct impacts to Commonwealth land, World Heritage values of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park World Heritage property and National Heritage values of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park National Heritage place, the approval holder must align the walking trail, lunch spots, vehicle access tracks and camps to be no closer than 20 metres (m) from any cultural and heritage items identified by a suitably qualified archaeologist accompanied by at least 2 Mutitjulu Community Rangers.	Compliant	During the reporting period all walking trails constructed were outside 20 metres (m) from any cultural and heritage items identified.
3	To avoid and minimise direct impacts to Commonwealth land, World Heritage values of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park World Heritage property and National Heritage values of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park National Heritage place, the approval holder must not commence the Action unless the Board of Management has approved in writing a Water Tanks Development Plan which includes water tank numbers, size, specifications of their proposed locations, installation and refilling methods, design and fortification	Compliant	The Water Tanks development plan was approved in previous reporting periods. All water tank infrastructure installed during the reporting period is compliant with the Water Tank Management Plan

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	methods of water tanks and plunge tanks to prevent camels reaching them or causing damage to the environment by attempting to reach them.		
4	To avoid and minimise direct and indirect impacts to Commonwealth land, World Heritage values of Uluru-Kata Tjuṯa National Park World Heritage property, National Heritage values of Uluru-Kata Tjuṯa National Park National Heritage place, and protected matters including, but not limited to, the Night Parrot, Princess Parrot and Great Desert Skink, the approval holder must remove all waste as specified in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP), Construction Management Plan (CMP) and Vehicles and Helicopter Management Plan (VHMP).	Compliant	All waste produced during this reporting period was project related waste, and removal was in line with relevant Plans.
Management Plans			
5	To avoid and mitigate direct and indirect impacts of environmental contamination, fire, vehicle strikes, predation by cats and foxes, habitat loss, habitat fragmentation and habitat degradation caused by erosion, invasion of weeds and feral animals to Commonwealth land, World Heritage values of Uluru-Kata Tjuṯa National Park World Heritage property, National Heritage values of Uluru-Kata Tjuṯa National Park National Heritage place, and protected matters including, but not limited to, the Night Parrot, Princess Parrot and Great Desert Skink, the approval holder must submit, prior to the commencement of the Action, the following management plans to the Board of Management to seek its approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP); b) the Environmental Management Plan (EMP); and c) the Construction Management Plan (CMP). 	Compliant	All plans submitted in previous reporting period remain current. All works associated with the project during the reporting period have been undertaken and completed in accordance with the relevant Plans.

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	<p>The approval holder must not commence the Action unless the CHMP, EMP and CMP have been approved by the Board of Management in writing. The approval holder must implement all management actions, including monitoring and reporting specified in the Board of Management approved CHMP, EMP and CMP from the commencement of the Action and for the life of the approval.</p>		
6	<p>To ensure rehabilitation of Commonwealth land, the approval holder must submit a Rehabilitation Management Plan to the Board of Management to seek its approval. The approval holder must not commence the Action unless the Rehabilitation Management Plan has been approved by the Board of Management in writing. The approval holder must implement the Rehabilitation Management Plan from the commencement of the Action and for the life of the approval. The Rehabilitation Management Plan must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a description and schedule of the rehabilitation management measures that will be implemented by the approval holder to meet the objective of returning the project area to its condition and form prior to the commencement of the Action; and b) a commitment to regularly report to the department on any rehabilitation activities undertaken during and post-construction, and during and post-operation, including an assessment of their effectiveness. 	Compliant	<p>The Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) was approved by the UKTNP Board Of Management in previous reporting period.</p> <p>Within the next reporting period, following practical completion (but prior to operations phase), a Post-Construction Report must be prepared in accordance with the RMP. This report must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * include a detailed comparison with the Original Condition Report; * be prepared by a suitably qualified person; * identify any net changes in the condition and form of the UKTSW project area; * identify the scale and intensity of any unacceptable environmental impacts, if present; * provide recommended rehabilitation actions, where required; * be submitted to UKTNP management for consideration, revision and approval; and

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			<p>* once approved, guide the implementation of any required rehabilitation works in accordance with the approved methodology.</p> <p>Throughout the construction phase, which largely occurred within this reporting period, the approved suite of management plans has been implemented, including mitigation measures designed to avoid or minimise environmental impacts. On this basis, it is not anticipated that the Post-Construction Condition Report will identify any significant rehabilitation requirements. Any minor rehabilitation works associated with completion of the construction phase will be assessed and reported, with remedial actions clearly defined in the Post-Construction Condition Report to be prepared by Low Ecological Services following Practical Completion of the project.</p>
7	<p>To avoid and minimise direct impacts to Commonwealth land by vehicle movements and use, the approval holder must submit a Vehicles and Helicopter Management Plan to the Board of Management prior to the commencement of the Action. The approval holder must not commence the Action unless the Vehicles and Helicopter Management Plan (VHMP) has been approved by the Board of Management in writing. The approval holder must implement the VHMP from the commencement of the Action and for the life of the approval. The VHMP must include, but not be limited to:</p> <p>a) specification of the vehicle access track construction materials and how vehicle access tracks will be formed in a sustainable way;</p>	Compliant	<p>The Vehicle and Helicopter management plan was approved in previous reporting period and remains current. All project works and activities associated with vehicle and helicopters have been conducted in accordance with the applicable management plans, including the Vehicle and Helicopter Management Plan.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) vehicle access tracks maintenance schedule; c) detailed information about the vehicle that will enter the project area (numbers, types and where their maintenance will be undertaken); d) detailed information and schedule of land vehicle and helicopter movements and uses during construction and operation, including, but not limited to, how vehicles and helicopters will be used to remove waste from the project area. The approval holder must dispose all waste outside the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park at a licensed waste facility; e) details of how and where all-terrain vehicles will be utilised within the project area; f) identification of the helicopter landing areas' location and frequency of use; g) how helicopter landing areas will be built; h) specification and demarcation of an appropriate buffer distance between dunes and any helicopter landing area; i) vehicle access tracks monitoring for erosion. 		
8	<p>To avoid and minimise direct impacts to the cultural values of Commonwealth land, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park World Heritage property, and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park National Heritage place, the approval holder must submit an Unexpected and Accidental Discovery Protocol to the Board of Management for approval. The approval holder must not commence the Action unless the Unexpected and Accidental Discovery Protocol has been approved by the Board of Management in writing. The approval holder must implement the Unexpected and Accidental Discovery Protocol from the commencement of the Action and for the life of</p>	Compliant	<p>The 'Unanticipated and Accidental Discovery Protocol' was submitted to the Board of Management for approval in previous reporting period and has been approved. and have been approved. These plans remain current. There were no unanticipated or accidental discoveries recorded during the reporting period.</p>

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	<p>the approval. The Unexpected and Accidental Discovery Protocol must include, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) information from the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Accidental Discovery Protocol; b) a detailed protocol to be implemented when cultural and heritage items are discovered; c) a detailed protocol to be implemented when skeletal material is discovered; d) recording and reporting methods. 		
Commonwealth Land			
9	To avoid direct impacts to Commonwealth land during construction and operation, the approval holder must not remove any large tree without having submitted to the department, at least 5 business days prior to removing it, evidence of having received the written permission of both the Central Land Council (CLC) and the Board of Management.	Compliant	No tree meeting the definition of a 'Large Tree' (diameter of >20cm at any point) has been removed during the reporting period.
10	To avoid and minimise direct impacts to Commonwealth land by erosion, the approval holder must in all locations where native vegetation has been removed as part of the Action, place and maintain surface matting on dune crests, and beneath raised walkways and grilles for the life of the approval except when and where vegetation rehabilitation is being undertaken in accordance with the Rehabilitation Management Plan.	Compliant	No vegetation removed from dunes, and any vegetation cleared under raised walkways during the reporting period was left to regrow as part of the RMP and as such did not require surface matting.
11	To avoid impacts to Commonwealth land from water pollution, the approval holder must store all greywater and sewage in secure containers which are not accessible by wildlife or feral animals until	Compliant	During the reporting period only one (1) Portaloo was located on the Project site, and removal of this Portaloo

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	it is removed from the project area as specified in the approved VHMP. The approval holder must not discharge any greywater or sewage into the project area. The approval holder must dispose of all greywater and sewage outside the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park at a licensed wastewater facility.		when required is aligned with EMP and VHMP, prior to practical completion (13 March 2026).
Great Desert Skink			
12	<p>For the protection of the Great Desert Skink (GDS), the approval holder must undertake pre-clearance surveys of the project area prior to the commencement of the Action to determine the location and numbers of GDS. The GDS pre-clearance surveys must be conducted in accordance with the EPBC Act survey guidelines for Australia's threatened reptiles and by a suitably qualified herpetologist accompanied by at least 2 Mutitjulu Community Rangers.</p> <p>If any GDS active burrow is located in or adjacent to the project area, the approval holder must ensure that no walking track is located within 50m from any active burrow and that no construction or operation activities are undertaken within 50m of any identified active burrow; If any GDS active burrow is located in or adjacent to the project area, the approval holder must ensure that no camp site is located within 50m from any active burrow and that no construction activities are undertaken within 50m of any identified active burrow; and</p> <p>If any GDS active burrow is located within 50m of a vehicle access track, low drift fences must be installed to redirect GDS away from the vehicle access track and wildlife crossings must be established to enable GDS to safely cross the vehicle access track.</p>	Not Applicable	Not applicable for this reporting period, pre-clearance surveys were completed during the 2023 reporting period.

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13	<p>The approval holder must submit a GDS Pre-Clearance Survey Report to the department prior to the commencement of the Action. The GDS Pre-Clearance Survey Report must contain the methodology used, results of all GDS pre-clearance surveys, maps showing any changed locations and alignments of infrastructure, and the adaptive management actions taken to meet condition 12. The GDS Pre-Clearance Survey Report must be included as an appendix in a revised version of the EMP.</p>	Non-compliant	Pre-clearance surveys were completed during the 2023 reporting period but have yet to be included as an appendix in an approved revised EMP, this is being completed in the next reporting period as part of broader Plan review and revision schedules.
14	<p>If any GDS active burrow is located in or adjacent to the project area or a vehicle access track or camp site or walking track, the approval holder must not commence the Action unless the Minister has approved in writing a version of the EMP revised in accordance with condition 13.</p>	Compliant	No active burrows found during the reporting period.
15	<p>For the protection of an important population of Great Desert Skink (GDS) likely to be present within the project area and to determine the presence of a GDS population or GDS important population within the project area, the approval holder must undertake annual monitoring of GDS from the commencement of the Action and for the life of the approval. The annual monitoring must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) include, but not be limited to, collecting data at all burrows known to be active burrows during the life of the approval, burrow occupancy and burrow activity data, and an assessment of impacts to burrow occupancy; b) include details of how, when and where the data specified in condition 18) a), b), c), d), e), and f), which is required to inform the 10-year monitoring cycle report required under condition 18 was collected and analysed; 	Non-compliant	<p>Annual monitoring activities were conducted on 13 February 2026 by Dr. Bill Low (Director, Low Ecological Services), Simone Koller (Environmental Consultant), and Terrance Rice (Traditional Owner representative).</p> <p>It is noted that two (2) Mutitjulu Rangers are required for the monitoring activities to be compliant with the applicable EPBC condition, but no Rangers (either Mala Rangers or Tjakara Rangers) were available for the scheduled activity. On this basis, whilst Low Ecological Services were unable to be compliant with the condition requirement, they still proactively engaged Anangu representatives for the monitoring activities.</p> <p>The inspection included site visits to the Camp 1 access road and associated Great Desert Skink warrens,</p>

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	<p>c) be conducted in line with the EPBC Act survey guidelines for Australia’s threatened reptiles and by a suitably qualified herpetologist accompanied by at least 2 Mutitjulu Community Rangers.</p> <p>d) be reported in each compliance report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. details of the scope, timing and frequency of the GDS monitoring surveys; ii. the results of GDS monitoring surveys; iii. any GDS sightings observed outside the GDS monitoring survey timing; iv. any GDS fatalities caused by incident or fire; v. scientifically justified assessment as to whether a GDS population or GDS important population exist within the project area, and if the Action is having a significant impact on any GDS important population; vi. identification of likely specific causes (if any) of any significant impact identified; and vii. details of any management actions undertaken during the construction and operation to avoid and/or minimise impacts on any identified GDS active burrow, GDS population or GDS important population. <p>If the approval holder is aware that it is likely or possible that the Action is having a significant impact on any GDS important population, the approval holder must write to the department within 2 business days of becoming aware to alert the department of this possibility or likelihood.</p>		<p>followed by Camps 2 and 3. A second traditional Owner representative (Rodney Collins) was attended initially; however, due to logistical and timing constraints on the morning of the visit, he was unable to participate, and the inspection proceeded with one Anangu representative. On this basis, whilst all attempts were made to have two Anangu representatives involved in field monitoring activities, only one representative was able to attend for the entire duration of activities.</p> <p>A copy of the periodic audit (annual monitoring report) is attached as an Appendix.</p>
16	<p>Within 3 months of the earlier of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) writing to alert the department in accordance with condition 15, or 	Compliant	The action is not having a significant impact on GDS - as per the concluding comments of the annual monitoring report from Low Ecological Services:

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	<p>b) submitting a 10-year monitoring cycle report to the department in accordance with condition 18, which cannot demonstrate that the Action will not have a residual significant impact on a GDS important population, the approval holder must submit a GDS Offset Proposal to the department for the Minister’s approval. The environmental objective of the GDS Offset Proposal is to offset residual significant impacts of the Action on GDS in accordance with the EPBC Act Environmental offset policy. The GDS Offset Proposal must be consistent with the EPBC Act Environmental offset policy to the Minister’s satisfaction, and must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the residual significant impacts to GDS that will be compensated for by the offset. This must include the area(s) of habitat for GDS and condition and quality at all impact sites which the particular offset is to address; ii. details of how it will offset the residual significant impacts of any GDS important population, and a reference to EPBC Act approval conditions to which the GDS Offset Proposal refers; iii. endorsement from a suitably qualified herpetologist; iv. a table of commitments made in the GDS Offset Proposal to achieve the objectives, and a reference to where the commitments are detailed in the GDS Offset Proposal; v. reporting and review mechanisms, and documentation standards to demonstrate compliance with the GDS Offset Proposal; 		<p>The February 2026 audit indicates that environmental impacts remain low and site management practices continue to be largely effective. Construction progress is evident, and most areas remain orderly and contained within defined work zones. Key items requiring attention include completion of remaining pipe infilling, improved fencing around active construction areas at Camp 2, and continued monitoring of known GDS warrens and access road conditions following rainfall. Instructions to drivers on the wet roads is to stick to the hard packed main tracks and not attempt to go outside the track corridor. The remaining flagging tape at the southern desert skink warren on the Camp 1 access rack could be removed before visitors begin hiking. The steel dropper markers can be retained. The GDS warrens near to access Road to camp 1 have both been inactive for 6 months. Part of that time has been very hot summer which is normally time for aestivation. However, the 2 weeks since rains and mild weather returned should have resulted in activity at the one burrow which is extant at the southern warren. The warrens will need to be watched to see if they become active. Regardless, traffic through the area should remain slow and markers should remain regardless of activity at the warrens.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vi. an assessment of risks to achieving GDS Offset Proposal's environmental objectives and risk management strategies that will be applied; and vii. a monitoring program, which must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. measurable performance indicators linked to the purpose of the offsets; II. trigger values for corrective actions; III. the timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators; and IV. proposed corrective actions if trigger values are reached. 		
17	<p>If the GDS Offset Proposal has not been approved by the Minister in writing within 3 months of the date on which the approval holder submitted the GDS Offset Proposal to the department for approval, and the Minister notifies the approval holder that the submitted GDS Offset Proposal is not suitable for approval, the Minister may, at least two months after notifying the approval holder that the submitted GDS Offset Proposal is not suitable for approval, approve a version of the GDS Offset Proposal revised by the department. The approval holder must commence implementing the approved GDS Offset Proposal within 3 months of its approval by the Minister and must continue to implement it for the life of the approval.</p>	Not Applicable	<p>Not Applicable. No GDS Offset Proposal requirement triggered.</p> <p>The Approved Action commenced the week of 27th January 2025.</p>
18	<p>For the protection of any GDS important population likely to be present within the project area, the approval holder must submit a 10-year monitoring cycle report to the department within 40 business days after every 10-year anniversary of the</p>	Not Applicable	<p>Not Applicable. No 10-year monitoring cycle report requirement triggered.</p>

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	<p>commencement of the Action, to show actual trends in GDS population within the project area. The GDS 10-year monitoring cycle report must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the results of the annual GDS monitoring surveys; b) biological data on fire management; c) fire regime impacts on burrow occupancy; d) data on predator abundance and impacts; e) information from the sightings database; f) a GDS population estimate calculation utilising data from the annual GDS monitoring reports; g) an analysis of the GDS population trends in relation to the information required in condition 18(a-e). <p>If the analysis demonstrates that a GDS population or GDS important population occurs within or adjacent the project area, the approval holder must submit to the department details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the adaptive management measures that will be implemented to avoid and/or minimise significant impacts on a GDS population or GDS important population; ii. analysis as to whether a GDS population or GDS important population occurs within or adjacent the project area, and on whether the Action is having significant impacts on a GDS important population and iii. analysis based on scientific justifications as to whether the adaptive management measures are sufficient for the Action to not have residual significant impacts on a GDS important population 		<p>The Approved Action commenced the week of 27th January 2025.</p>
Princess Parrot			

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19	For the protection of potential nesting habitat for the Princess Parrot, the approval holder must not remove any suitable nesting trees from the commencement of the Action and for the life of the approval.	Compliant	No suitable nesting trees removed during the reporting period.
Night Parrot			
20	<p>For the protection of the Night Parrot, the approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) implement measures to increase the visibility of any fencing to birds in flight at night; b) if any fencing is installed as part of the Action, inspect all fencing daily for possible Night Parrot collisions; c) record and report any fence-related fatalities or injuries of Night Parrots to the Night Parrot Recovery Team at nightparrotrecoveryteam@gmail.com within 24 hours of detection; and d) report any sightings or evidence of the Night Parrot to the Night Parrot Recovery Team at nightparrotrecoveryteam@gmail.com within 24 hours. 	Compliant	Monitoring conducted and no Night Parrot sightings reported.
Grey Falcon			
21	For the protection of potential nesting trees for Grey Falcon, the approval holder must undertake pre-clearance surveys within the project area prior to the commencement of the Action to determine the location of any active Grey Falcon nest. These pre-clearance surveys must be conducted by a suitably qualified ornithologist accompanied by at least 2 Mutitjulu Community Rangers.	Compliant	No Grey Falcons have been found in the project areas in this current reporting period.

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	<p>If any active Grey Falcon nest is located in or adjacent to the project area, the approval holder must ensure that no construction or maintenance works and helicopter approaches occur within 300m from any active Grey Falcon nest identified by a suitably qualified ornithologist accompanied by at least 2 Mutitjulu Community Rangers.</p> <p>If any active Grey Falcon nest is located in or adjacent to the project area, the approval holder must deviate the walking track and vehicle access tracks 50m away from any active Grey Falcon nest identified by a suitably qualified ornithologist.</p>		
<i>Submission and Publication of Plans</i>			
22	The approval holder must submit all plans required by these conditions electronically to the department.	Not Applicable	No plans revised and approved during the reporting period.
23	If the approval holder submits a revised version of any plan for the Board of Management's approval, the approval holder must at the same time provide the revised plan to the department accompanied by an explanation of the differences between the approved plan and the proposed revised version.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable.
24	<p>Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within 15 business days of the date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) of this approval, if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions; or b) the plan is approved by the Minister in writing, if the plan requires the approval of the Minister; or 	Compliant	All Plans created during the reporting period were published on the website.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) the plan is submitted to the department in accordance with a requirement of these conditions, if the plan does not require the approval of the Minister; or d) the plan is approved by the Board of Management in accordance with these EPBC Act conditions; or e) a revised version of a plan is approved by the Board of Management. 		
25	The approval holder must keep all published plans required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	All published Plans available on website.
26	The approval holder is required to exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Not Applicable	No Plans published on the website during the reporting period contained sensitive ecological data.
27	If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a plan in accordance with condition 27, the approval holder must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.	Not Applicable	No data in Plans required to be redacted during the reporting period.
<i>Notification of Date of Commencement of Action</i>			
28	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of commencement of the Action, within 5 business days of commencement of the Action.	Not Applicable	All notifications were completed in previous reporting period.
29	If the commencement of the Action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not	Not Applicable.	The Approved Action commenced in the prior reporting period.

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	commence the Action without the prior written agreement of the Minister.		
Compliance Records			
30	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	Compliant	Compliance records available on request.
31	If the department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the department within the timeframe specified in the request.	Compliant	Records were submitted to the Department when requested during the reporting period.
32	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the department's <i>Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data</i> (2018), or any subsequent official version or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	All monitoring data and reporting was prepared by Dr Bill Low in accordance with the relevant and applicable guidelines within the reporting period.
33	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the department's <i>Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects</i> (2021), or any subsequent official version or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	All monitoring data and reporting was prepared by Dr Bill Low in accordance with the relevant and applicable guidelines within the reporting period.
34	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 12	Compliant	All relevant and available reports with monitoring data have been submitted to the department within 12

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	months of the approval or in accordance with the requirements of the EMP, CHMP and CMP or in accordance with these EPBC Act conditions.		months of the approval. The Annual GDS is attached as an Appendix.
Annual Compliance Reporting			
35	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of this approval, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister.	Compliant	Report prepared for the required 12-month period.
36	Each compliance report must be consistent with the department's Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (2014), or any subsequent official version.	Compliant	Report prepared in compliance with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines.
37	<p>Each compliance report must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with the conditions and the plans, and any incidents. b) one or more shapefile showing all clearing of any protected matters, and/or their habitat, undertaken within the 12-month period at the end of which that compliance report is prepared. c) a schedule of all plans in existence in relation to these conditions and accurate and complete details of how each plan is being implemented. 	Compliant	<p>Non-compliance noted in Conditions 10, 13, 15, and conditions 39-41.</p> <p>No clearing of protected matters, and/or their habitat took place in the reporting period.</p> <p>Schedule of plans in Appendices (Appendix 1). Additional evidence submitted as Appendix or where available will be submitted to Department as separate fil/s as too large to include in report.</p>
38	<p>The approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the end of the 12-month period for which that compliance report is required. 	Compliant	Report to be published to website 15 May 2026, and department will be notified and provided weblink to the compliance report by 18 May 2026.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of the date of publication that a compliance report has been published on the website. c) provide the weblink for the compliance report in the notification to the department. d) keep all published compliance reports required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval. e) exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. f) if sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from the published version, submit the full compliance report to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website. 		
Reporting Non-Compliance			
39	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan or in accordance with this approval.	Non-compliant	The approval holder notified Parks Australia but did not notify the department via the EPBCmonitoring@dcceew.gov.au email address regarding non-compliance relating to conditions 13 – revision of EMP with pre-clearance survey, and 15 - attendance of Mutitjulu Rangers attending the annual survey. Following a request for information from the department in November 2025 notification was submitted in writing to the department in December 2025 relating to non-compliance in the previous

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			reporting period, but this was not submitted electronically or within the 2 business day timeframe.
40	<p>The approval holder must specify in the notification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) any condition or commitment made in a plan which has been or may have been breached. b) a short description of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance. c) the location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance. 	Non-compliant	<p>The approval holder did not notify the department via the EPBCmonitoring@dcceew.gov.au email address regarding non-compliance relating to conditions 10 – installation of surface matting, 13 – revision of EMP with pre-clearance survey, and 15 -attendance of Mutitjulu Rangers attending the annual survey.</p> <p>Following a request for information from the department in November 2025 notification was submitted in writing to the department in December 2025 relating to non-compliance in the previous reporting period.</p>
41	<p>The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 12 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance, the details of that incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan. The approval holder must specify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken. b) the potential impacts of the incident and/or non-compliance and/or non-compliance. c) the method and timing of any corrective action that will be undertaken by the approval holder. 	Non-compliant	<p>The approval holder notified Parks Australia but did not notify the department via the EPBCmonitoring@dcceew.gov.au email address regarding non-compliance relating to conditions 13 – revision of EMP with pre-clearance survey, and 15 -attendance of Mutitjulu Rangers attending the annual survey. Following a request for information from the department in November 2025 notification was submitted in writing to the department in December 2025 relating to non-compliance in the previous reporting period.</p> <p>The Approval holder did not submit in writing within 12 business days notification of non-compliance relating to condition 41.</p>

Condition Number	Condition	Project Compliance	Evidence/Comments
<i>Independent Audit</i>			
42	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every 5-year period following the commencement of the Action until this approval expires, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister.	Not Applicable	The Approved Action commenced the week of 27th January 2025. No independent audit required in the reporting period.
43	<p>For each independent audit, the approval holder must:</p> <p>a) provide the name and qualifications of the nominated independent auditor, the draft audit criteria, and proposed timeframe for submitting the audit report to the department prior to commencing the independent audit.</p> <p>b) only commence the independent audit once the nominated independent auditor, audit criteria and timeframe for submitting the audit report have been approved in writing by the department.</p> <p>c) submit the audit report to the department for approval within the timeframe specified and approved in writing by the department.</p> <p>d) publish each audit report on the website within 15 business days of the date of the department's approval of the audit report.</p> <p>e) keep every audit report published on the website until this approval expires.</p>	Not Applicable	The Approved Action commenced the week of 27th January 2025. No independent audit required in the reporting period.
44	Each audit report must report for the 5-year period preceding that audit report	Not Applicable	The Approved Action commenced the week of 27th January 2025. No independent audit required in the reporting period.

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45	Each audit report must be completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and be consistent with the department's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines (2019), or any subsequent official version.	Not Applicable	The Approved Action commenced the week of 27th January 2025. No independent audit required in the reporting period.
<i>Completion of the Action</i>			
46	The approval holder must notify the department electronically 60 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, that the approval is due to expire.	Not Applicable	Approval does not expire until 1 March 2068.
47	Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action, and, in any event, before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data.	Not Applicable	The Approved Action was not completed during the reporting period.

Newly Identified Environmental Risks

No new environmental risks were identified or became apparent during the reporting period. Where new environmental risks are identified, the Approval Holder commits to revise the relevant and appropriate management plan if required.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Schedule of Plans related to Approved Action as of 16 February 2026

#	Plan	Revision	Issued	Applicable EPBC Approval condition	Notes	Implementation Notes
1	Construction Management Plan (CMP)	6	16/11/2023	4		Plan was developed and approved for use by the Approved Action / Project team.
2	Environmental Management Plan (EMP)	7	28/11/2023	4, 5, 13, 6, 10		Plan was developed and approved for use by the Approved Action / Project team.
3	Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP)	9	26/10/23	5, 8	Includes the 'Unanticipated and Accidental Discovery Protocol'	Plan was developed and approved for use by the Approved Action / Project team.
4	Water Tanks Development Plan	6	14/11/23	3		Plan was developed and approved for use by the Approved Action / Project team.
5	Vehicles and Helicopter Management Plan	5	16/11/23	4, 7, 11		Plan was developed and approved for use by the Approved Action / Project team.

Appendix 2: Periodic audit by Low Ecological Services February 2026

(attached to PDF)

Australian Walking Company

Uluru Lodge Walk

Periodic audit



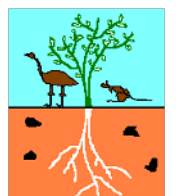
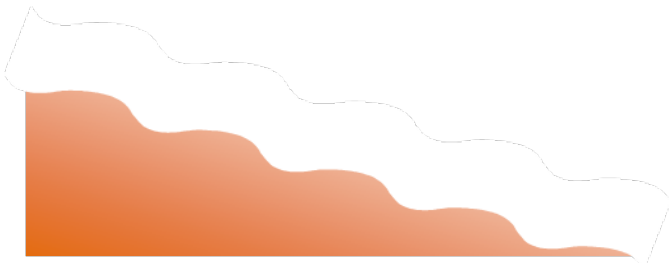
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Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

Prepared for the Australian Walking Company

By Low Ecological Services P/L

February 2026



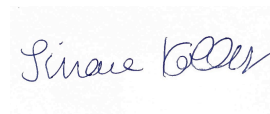

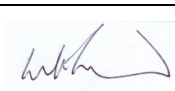
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View over construction site of Camp 1 (foreground), Kata Tjuta (left) from lookout dune; photo taken 13/02/2026. This view of Kata Tjuta is culturally sensitive and photos are not permitted, hence Kata Tjuta has been blacked out.

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Preface

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1. Purpose of Visit

A routine monthly environmental audit was undertaken to assess construction progress, environmental impacts, including Great Desert Skink activity,, and compliance with EPBC approval conditions and environmental management measures across Camps 1 to 3 and associated access tracks.

2. Overview

The inspection was conducted a week after heavy rainfall. Conditions on the field visit day were overcast but dry. Ground surfaces across the Project area remained moist, with localized erosion and standing water observed along access tracks.

Overall, environmental impacts remain low and site management practices continue to be effective. Construction areas were generally tidy, with most disturbance contained within designated work zones.

More intense effort was made to include Anangu in the survey and Terrence Rice from Mutitjulu accompanied us for the Desert Skink survey and each of the Camp site inspections.

3. Method

Field inspection was conducted on 13 February 2026 by Bill Low (Director, Low Ecological Services), Simone Koller (Environmental Consultant), and Terrance Rice (Traditional Owner representative). The inspection included site visits to the Camp 1 access road and associated Great Desert Skink warrens, followed by Camps 2 and 3.

A second Traditional Owner representative (Rodney Collins) was attended initially; however, due to logistical and timing constraints on the morning of the visit, he was unable to participate, and the inspection proceeded with one Anangu representative.

4. Observations by Area

The entire Project area sits within the Great Sandy Desert Bioregion within the dune fields. There were no current standing water and no permanent water bodies in the project area. All sites were classified as open woodlands, consisting of Desert Oaks with canopy cover less than 10% of the area.

4.1 Camp 1 and Access Road

Both previously recorded Great Desert Skink warrens remained inactive. Following recent rainfall, the final burrow depression at the northern warren had become almost completely infilled with sand (see **Figure 2**). The single intact burrow at the southern warren was still present but showed no tracks or scats (see **Figure 3**) and three other infilled burrows were becoming obliterated. Broad sweeping loops

were walked by all three people and additional burrow holes were observed approximately 200 m east of the road east of the southern warren. These may represent potential GDS warrens but likewise showed no evidence of activity.

At the northern section, where the road is narrowed and subject to a 10 km/h speed limit, the flagging fence had been removed and only the posts remained (see **Figure 1**). At the southern section, the flagging fence was still in place. The hessian fencing remained in a similar condition to previous inspections, with sections partially degraded.

Rainfall had caused localized erosion along sections of the access road and produced several large puddles. Vegetation debris previously stockpiled along the road had now been cut into smaller pieces and more effectively dispersed, however one large pile at the north road restriction for desert Skink has not been spread yet and may need to be cut up or spread with a small excavator.

Fauna evidence recorded included camel scats, small lizard burrows, a small military dragon , and spider activity (see **Figure 4**).

The Camp 1 site was unoccupied during the inspection and conditions remained largely unchanged since the previous audit (see **Figure 5** to **Figure 9**). Structural frameworks for sleeping platforms and the lookout platform remained in place but were still awaiting timber cladding. However, the metal boardwalk had progressed and was now completed up to the first building.



Figure 1 Access Road to Camp 1, narrowed and speed limited to 10 km/h, with degraded flagged and Hessian fence, 13/02/2026



Figure 2 Marker post at previously identified GDS warren close to Camp 1 access road, showing last remaining hole almost filled with sand (red circle), 13/02/2026



Figure 3 Bill Low and Terrance Rice observing area around southern GDS warren with extant hole in foreground, 13/02/2026



Figure 4 Spider at Access Road to Camp 1, 13/02/2026



Figure 5 Construction site of Camp 1, showing piles of material, flagging fence, staff sleeping platform and Wiltjas, 13/02/2026



Figure 6 Construction site of Camp 1, showing big Wiltja accessible by an elevated steel mesh walk and a degraded flagging fence, 13/02/2026



Figure 7 View from lookout dune to Camp 1 and Kata Tjuta, 13/02/2026



Figure 8 Construction site of Camp 1, showing dune top lookout platform and chain linked timber walk into Camp 1, 13/02/2026



Figure 9 Elevated steel mesh walk at Camp 1, with pile of construction material on top of flagging fence, 13/02/2026

4.2 Camp 2

Camp 2 had a high level of construction activity, with multiple workers present (see **Figure 10** and **Figure 11**). Construction of sleeping platforms had advanced significantly, with most platforms now completed. As previously noted, these platforms and their access steel mesh tracks were not consistently enclosed by fencing, and numerous footprints as well as construction materials were

visible between them (see **Figure 13** and **Figure 14**). Vegetation between two platforms was absent, leaving exposed sand. The cause of this vegetation loss was not confirmed but may be associated with recent construction disturbance. Re-establishment of surrounding spinifex vegetation could be considered, if feasible prior to opening. (see **Figure 12**).

On the lookout dune, numerous fauna tracks were recorded, primarily from small lizards and birds. The lookout platform has not yet been constructed; however, piles of materials have been placed at the marked location (see **Figure 15**).



Figure 10 Construction works at Camp 2 at big Wiltja, showing metal access path and construction workers carrying in materials with a big trolley, 13/02/2026



Figure 11 Construction works around sleeping platforms at Camp 2, showing degraded flagging fence, 13/02/2026



Figure 12 Construction site of Camp 2, showing unvegetated areas between two sleeping platforms, 13/02/2026



Figure 13 Piles of construction material along access walk at Camp 2, 13/02/2026



Figure 14 Construction site of Camp 2, showing footprints between sleeping platforms and access walk, 13/02/2026



Figure 15 Construction site of lookout platform with view to Camp 2, 13/02/2026

4.3 Camp 3

Only a small number of workers were present at Camp 3. Flagging fences and matting previously installed along the boardwalk up to the first buildings had now been removed, indicating completion of this section (see **Figure 16**). A small number of anchor pipes remained unfilled near the junction to the lookout dune track and near the service shed.

Vegetation regrowth following rainfall was evident across the dune slope, with spinifex regrowth observed (see **Figure 20**). Fauna evidence included lizard and scorpion burrows, though fewer tracks were present compared with previous visits, likely due to rain-affected substrate.

Overall, the camp remained clean and well maintained (see **Figure 17** to **Figure 19**). Only a small number of metal fragments and screws were observed on the ground, which should be removed using a magnet to prevent potential environmental or safety hazards.



Figure 16 Elevated steel mesh walk from service shed into Camp 3; flagging fence and steel mesh mats have been removed, 13/02/2026



Figure 17 Construction site of Camp 3, showing “Chill Room” Wiltja and steel mesh walk to Storytelling area, 13/02/2026



Figure 18 Wellness area with pool at Camp 3, 13/02/2026



Figure 19 Construction works at Big Wiltja at Camp 3, 13/02/2026



Figure 20 Dune at Camp 3, showing Spinifex growing back well after rain, 13/02/2026



Figure 21 Quad service track next to service shed at Camp 3, 13/02/2026

4.4 Access Roads (General Conditions)

Across all access roads, recent rainfall resulted in moist ground conditions, localized erosion, and standing water. Large puddles were present along Homelands Road prior to the Camp 1 turnoff and along the Camp 2 access road (see **Figure 22**); however, the underlying substrate remained firm. Along the Camp 3 access road, two extensive water-filled depressions were observed, with standing water persisting at the time of inspection and grey teal ducks were present (**Figure 23**).



Figure 22 Access Road to Camp 2, showing water puddles and vehicle tracks, 13/02/2026



Figure 23 Access Road to Camp 3, showing large water puddle and vehicle tracks, 13/02/2026

5. Conclusion and Recommendations

The February 2026 audit indicates that environmental impacts remain low and site management practices continue to be largely effective. Construction progress is evident, and most areas remain orderly and contained within defined work zones.

Key items requiring attention include completion of remaining pipe infilling, improved fencing around active construction areas at Camp 2, and continued monitoring of known GDS warrens and access road conditions following rainfall. Instructions to drivers on the wet roads is to stick to the hard packed main tracks and not attempt to go outside the track corridor.

The remaining flagging tape at the southern desert skink warren on the Camp 1 access rack could be removed before visitors begin hiking. The steel dropper markers can be retained. The GDS warrens near to access Road to camp 1 have both been inactive for 6 months. Part of that time has been very hot summer which is normally time for aestivation. However, the 2 weeks since rains and mild weather returned should have resulted in activity at the one burrow which is extant at the southern warren. The warrens will need to be watched to see if they become active. Regardless, traffic through the area should remain slow and markers should remain regardless of activity at the warrens.