



## TANDANYA Media Release



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### Statement from Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, CEO Dennis Stokes

# The Sun finally sets on Uluru Climb

The Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Board of Management has unanimously decided to close the climb to the top of Uluru from 26 October 2019.

Tandanya CEO Dennis Stokes said “The Uluru climb has now been officially closed and Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute welcomes this decision in the hopes that Uluru can now be treated with the respect it deserves”.

Uluru has always been a significant cultural and spiritual site to the Anangu and other traditional groups of Central Australia. Their connection to Uluru has been one of pride and they will fight to protect its sacred meaning as their ancestors have done in the past.

The Anangu’s decision to close the climb was not one taken lightly and although it is not liked by everyone it was the right thing to do.

Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute hopes that we as a people can work together to ensure that all beliefs are taken into account and that we as a nation can respect our cultural differences and move forward together as Australians.