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ERA releases Ranger Mine Closure Plan update

Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA) has released an update to the Ranger Mine Closure Plan.

This release of the updated Mine Closure Plan follows the inaugural public release of the Mine Closure Plan in June 2018. The Plan is updated annually in consultation with Traditional Owner representatives, regulators and key stakeholders.

ERA's Chief Executive Paul Arnold said: "ERA is committed to fully rehabilitating the Ranger Minesite to the highest standards. Through the application of leading expertise, practice and technology, as outlined in the Mine Closure Plan update, ERA aims to achieve best-in-class closure outcomes."

Mr Arnold explained: "Since 2012, ERA has spent more than \$559 million on rehabilitation and water management. With completion of the Ranger Project Area closure feasibility study in February this year, ERA has a consolidated, executable plan to be implemented over the next six to seven years, making this one of the Northern Territory's major projects."

"The quality of the Plan reflects the efforts of a passionate and capable team at ERA as well as the valued feedback from our stakeholders including the Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation, the Northern Land Council, the Supervising Scientist Branch, and Northern Territory and Commonwealth regulatory agencies."

"The rehabilitation process is complex and extensive and this is reflected in the substantial detail contained in the Mine Closure Plan. To provide a brief, visual overview of the Plan, ERA has produced an animation in consultation with the Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation which shows the progressive rehabilitation of the Ranger Minesite. It's a great tool which breaks down the rehabilitation process into easily understood concepts, provides a timeline for the works to be carried out, and has a narration in local Kunwinkju language.

"In addition to the release of the Mine Closure Plan update released today, we are also sharing a story of our collaboration with Kakadu Native Plants, an indigenous local business and their important work of harvesting seeds and raising seedlings which will be used to revegetate the Ranger mine. More than 1 million trees will be planted as part of the revegetation of the Minesite." Mr Arnold said.

The 2019 Mine Closure Plan update and animation are available to view on the ERA website <https://www.energyres.com.au/sustainability/closureplan/>

Kakadu Native Plants story is available to view on the ERA website <https://www.energyres.com.au/media/stories/a-journey-with-kakadu-native-plants-to-mine-rehabilitation/>



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About Energy Resources of Australia Ltd

Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (**ERA**) is one of the nation's largest uranium producers and Australia's longest continually operating uranium mine.

Together, ERA provides clean energy to the world and cares for people and country.

ERA has an excellent track record of reliably supplying customers. Uranium has been mined at Ranger for more than 35 years. During that time, Ranger has produced in excess of 128,000 tonnes of uranium oxide.

Under the current legal framework, ERA is required to cease mining and processing activities in the Ranger Project Area by January 2021, with final rehabilitation to be completed by January 2026.

ERA's Ranger mine is located eight kilometres east of Jabiru and 260 kilometres east of Darwin, in Australia's Northern Territory. ERA is a major employer in the Northern Territory and the Alligator Rivers Region.

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