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# **Media Release**

## ERA completes Jabiru Social Impact Assessment

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Energy Resources of Australia Limited (ERA) has completed a Social Impact Assessment for the town of Jabiru. The purpose of the Social Impact Assessment was to assist ERA to identify the potential impacts of its current rehabilitation obligations tied to the expiry of the town Head Lease in 2021.

A separate process to develop a future plan for the town is currently underway, involving the Commonwealth Government, Northern Territory Government, Traditional Owner representatives and ERA. Additionally, Government and Traditional Owner representatives are progressing negotiation of a new township lease.

The outcome of these discussions about the future of Jabiru may have an influence on ERA's rehabilitation requirements. However it is important to note that it was not the purpose of the Social Impact Assessment process to discuss or develop a plan for the future of Jabiru.

ERA Chief Executive Andrea Sutton said "There is still uncertainty about the future and while there may be a widely held view that Jabiru can have a future beyond 2021, it is not yet known what that might look like, what changes may take place or when."

"What is known is that the current lease arrangements require ERA to undertake various rehabilitation activities in the town. ERA needs to plan for this. The findings from the Social Impact Assessment will help us to understand the potential impacts and opportunities, provide for them in our plan where possible and support a smooth transition for Jabiru."

ERA's Social Impact Assessment process was conducted between November 2016 and April 2017 by a specialist consultant, Jacobs. This process helped inform the local community of ERA's obligations under the town lease arrangements and allowed ERA to gather further information and increase its understanding of the potential impacts on the town, local businesses, residents and visitors.

During the Social Impact Assessment, surveys and extensive discussions were held with all key stakeholders, including Traditional Owners, Jabiru households, employees and representatives of the residents of the Kakadu National Park outstations, local businesses and various organisations involved in the delivery of key services to the town.

"The results of the study clearly reinforce how closely ERA and the Ranger mine are tied to the local community and the importance of consultation and planning in the lead up to 2021," Ms Sutton said.



ERA is working closely with stakeholders to support this planning work and a smooth transition process for Jabiru.

A summary of results from the Social Impact Assessment is available online at <u>www.energyres.com.au</u>.

### Links

<u>ERA Fact Sheet - Jabiru Social Impact Assessment</u> <u>ERA Presentation - Summary of findings of the Jabiru Social Impact Assessment</u>

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ERA has an excellent track record of reliably supplying customers. Uranium has been mined at Ranger for more than three decades. During that time, Ranger has produced in excess of 120,000 tonnes of uranium oxide.

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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