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Uluru-Kata Tjuta traditional owners celebrate 25th anniversary

On the eve of the 25th anniversary of the handback of Uluru-Kata Tjuta Regional Development Minister Malarndirri McCarthy congratulated the Anangu traditional owners on managing the National Park as a premier international tourist destination.

Minister McCarthy today acknowledged the important role of the Anangu traditional owners in the economic development of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park since it was handed back to them 25-years ago.

“Congratulations to the Anangu on this great achievement and for sharing their culture and their spiritual sites of significance with the world,” said Ms McCarthy.

“Through their joint management of the park with the Australian government, the Anangu have also made a significant contribution to both the Australian economy and their local regional economy.

“Anangu were working at the Rock well before it became a national tourist icon as dingo scalpers in the 1950s, tour guides and as artists.

“Now the Anangu will be even more involved through their investment in the Ayers Rock Resort which was recently bought by the Indigenous Land Corporation.

“Plans to establish a National Indigenous Tourism Training Academy at Yulara and to increase Indigenous employment at the Resort to more than 50 percent of total employees are to be commended.

“The Northern Territory Government will work with the relevant agencies and organisations on seeing this come to fruition.

“Congratulations also to the Indigenous owned and managed Anangu Tours which celebrates its 15th birthday today.”

Minister McCarthy will attend the 25th anniversary celebrations of the handback of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park tomorrow.

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