



# DESERT KNOWLEDGE PRECINCT AND THE INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (ILUA)

## Signatories:

**Desert Knowledge Australia | Northern Territory Government | Central Land Council | Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation**

The Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA), signed on Wednesday 13th September 2006, recognises the traditional Aboriginal ownership of the Desert Knowledge Precinct. Desert Knowledge Australia (DKA) is committed to respecting and collaborating with the Arrernte people, the traditional owners of the land of the Desert Knowledge Precinct. DKA acknowledges all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first knowledge holders of this land, and respects their connection to country.

The ILUA was negotiated in a spirit of cooperation with an intent to get the best possible result for all parties.

The clauses of the ILUA include the following:

- ◆ The government accepts and recognises the native title to the 11-hectare block of land on the corner of Heath Road and Stuart Highway
- ◆ The government recognises prior ownership and occupation by native title holders on all 73 hectares of the Desert Knowledge Precinct
- ◆ Lhere Artepe are to be afforded a priority in employment and training opportunities that become available on the Precinct
- ◆ A Lhere Artepe man and woman will sit on the Precinct Management Committee
- ◆ All formal naming of places are to be referred to Lhere Artepe for their consideration as a first step
- ◆ A Lhere Artepe representative will sit on the DKA Board

The Desert Peoples Centre 18-hectare sublease is an 'agreed rights area' where native title holders continue to assert certain rights, including:

- ◆ The right to be acknowledged as the traditional Aboriginal owners of the Precinct
- ◆ The right to protect places and areas of importance in or on the Precinct
- ◆ The right to take, use, and enjoy the natural resources found within the land and waters of the Precinct
- ◆ The right to manage the spiritual forces and to safeguard the cultural knowledge associated with the Precinct
- ◆ The right to enter onto the Precinct for the purpose of exercising these rights