MEDIA RELEASE: Jabiluka breakthrough: Environment groups celebrate protection of iconic site on World Environment Day

The Environment Centre NT is celebrating landmark news today, with the Northern Territory Government making the right decision to respect the wishes of Mirarr Traditional Owners and declare special reserve status over the Jabiluka area within Kakadu National Park. The movement to stop uranium mining at Jabiluka – led by Mirarr Traditional Owners – is one of the most iconic environmental campaigns in Australia’s history. Mirarr Traditional Owners have opposed mining at Jabiluka for five decades.

Environment Centre NT Executive Director Kirsty Howey said:

“This is groundbreaking and wonderful news, and testament to the incredible resistance and resilience of the Mirarr Traditional Owners over many decades.”

“Jabiluka must never be mined, and this decision by Minister Monaghan, and the Lawler Government, takes a crucial step towards this becoming a reality.”

“It’s now up to the Albanese Government to protect Kakadu National Park forever and respect Mirarr Traditional Owners. There is no possible purpose in extending the Jabiluka Mining Lease and the Commonwealth can end the base-less speculation about this once and for all.”

“We look forward to the day when we can say uranium mining in Kakadu is dead and buried, and to working with Traditional Owners and both levels of government to achieve this outcome.”

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Photo of Peter Garrett, Mirarr leader Yvonne Margarula and former Labor Minister Tom Uren.