

Decision-making processes

With the involvement of more stakeholders and other management systems, a new decision-making mechanism has to be evolved and this process can be led by the primary management system. A very clear decision-making process, identification of roles and responsibilities during the planning process and at the implementation stage, has to be agreed upon at this preparatory stage.

Participatory decision-making

Extracts from the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park. Management Plan 2010-2020

1.3 Planning process

Section 366 of the EPBC Act requires that the Director of National Parks and the Board of Management (if any) for a Commonwealth reserve prepare management plans for the reserve. In addition to seeking comments from members of the public, the relevant land council and the relevant state or territory government, the Director and the Board are required to take into account the interests of the traditional owners of land in the reserve and of any other Indigenous persons interested in the reserve.

The Uluru-Kata Tjuta Board of Management resolved that consultations be undertaken with Anangu to seek comments on issues related to the management of the park. These meetings covered a range of park management issues including decision-making procedures; natural and cultural resource management; visitor management and park use and Anangu employment. A number of Board meetings were also conducted to enable the Board to consider the draft management plan and submissions received from members of the public.

Other stakeholder groups and individuals that were consulted during the preparation of this management plan include:

- tourism industry representatives, scientists, photography interest groups, representatives from Australian Government and Northern Territory Government agencies, and local community organizations*
- the Central Land Council*
- Parks Australia staff.*

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