

Schedule 7 – Draft certification of application for ILUA registration

1. Certification

- (a) YMAC, as the only representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander body recognised under section 203AD of the NTA in relation to any part of the MRO, certifies the application for registration of the MRO ILUA in accordance with section 203BE(1)(b) of the NTA.
- (b) In particular, YMAC is of the opinion that the requirements of section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the NTA, namely that:
 - (i) all reasonable efforts have been made to ensure that all persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the land and waters in the area covered by this agreement have been identified; and
 - (ii) all the persons so identified have authorised the making of the agreement,have been met

2. Reasons for Certification

YMAC holds the opinion in item 1 for the following reasons:

- (a) YMAC through its staff and contracted consultants has undertaken extensive research and community consultation in the preparation for the negotiations for the agreement, with a view to ensuring that all persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the land and waters in the area covered by the agreement (**the native title parties**) have been identified;
- (b) YMAC through its staff and contracted consultants has attended a series of meetings with the native title parties and has confirmed that there is a single process of decision making [*that, under the traditional laws and customs of the native title parties, must be complied with in relation to authorising things such as making the agreement or agreed to and adopted by the native title parties in relation to authorising things such as making the agreement* (delete as applicable)]. That process is set out in detail in the Certification Report authored by YMAC dated [*insert date*] (**the Certification Report**) which forms part of these reasons for certification, and is enclosed;
- (c) The Certification Report sets out details of, amongst other things:
 - (i) the native title parties;
 - (ii) the relevant decision making process; and
 - (iii) meetings at which the relevant people effected the decision making process; and
- (d) YMAC organised meetings held at [*insert place*]. Notice of those meetings was distributed widely. The meetings were well attended by the native title holders. Details about those meetings, including who attended them, is included in the Certification Report. At those meetings, the native title parties authorised the making of the agreement in accordance with their traditional decision making process.

Certified by *[insert name]*, *[insert title]*, Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

Dated: *[insert date]*

[insert name] , *[insert title]*,