

Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia Pty Ltd

NAIF Loan: Up to \$27.5m. Investment Decision: May 2018.



About the Project

Construction work on the upgrade to the Connellan Airport is now complete. Work undertaken involved the upgrade and resurfacing of the 2,600m airport runway, taxiway and apron and the installation of new runway lighting. The upgrade maintains the safety of the runway and the new lighting will support future night flights.

The construction work was led by the Principal Contractor Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd. The runway lighting completed by a specialist aircraft lighting contractor, Airside Technical. Voyages also has in place an Australian Industry Participation (AIP) Plan as required under the Government's AIP policy.

Economic Impact

- A key economic enabler for the Yulara region, particularly tourism to the world heritage Uluru and Kata Tjuta National Park.

- Indigenous training opportunities.
- Continued availability of emergency services and flights for remote communities in the region.

Indigenous Engagement

During the major construction period between February and March 2019, the Principal Contractor was able to achieve greater than 10 percent average for Indigenous employment for this part of the project, with the total Indigenous employment for the total project being 8.9 percent. This equated to five Indigenous FTEs in February 2019 and 12 Indigenous FTEs in March 2019.

Indigenous employment figures for the contractor's village accommodation project element ranged from 16 percent in September 2018 up to 35 percent in December 2019, averaging 16.8 percent across the construction period with Indigenous personnel on site ranging from electricians, carpenters and trade assistants.

Project:

Upgrade works to Connellan Airport

Location:

Yulara, NT

Sector:

Transport

Total Project Value:

\$27.5m

Economic Impact:

Greater than \$370m over 20 years

Jobs:

80 construction jobs, 320 jobs approximately with airport continued operations