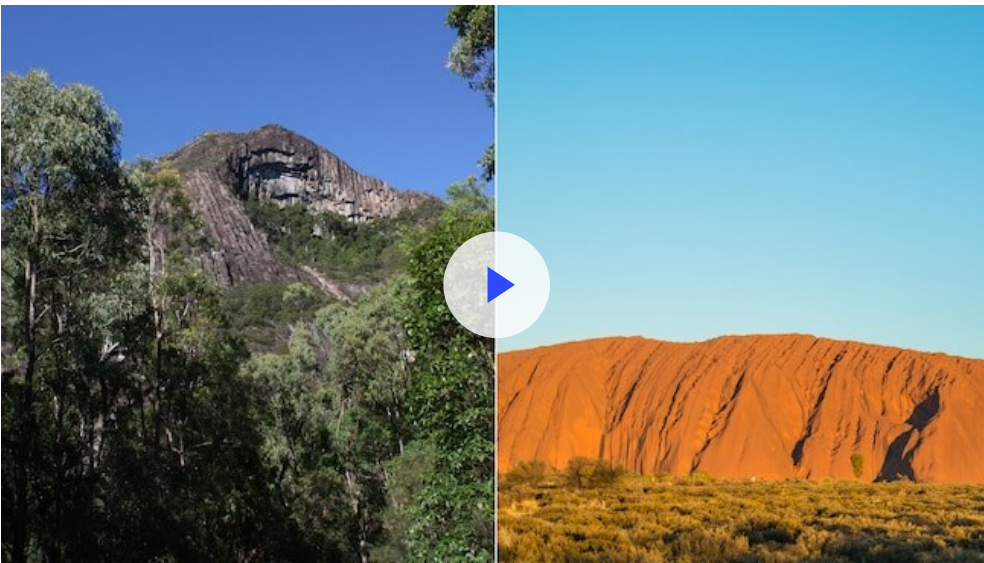




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Uluru-style climbing ban called for Sunshine Coast summits by indigenous elders

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Mount Beerwah (left) on the Sunshine Coast and the Northern Territory's Uluru. File images. Credit: Getty



The closure of Uluru to climbing has been followed with a call by Sunshine Coast indigenous elders for a similar ban for their sacred mountains.

The region's Jinibara people have been fighting for decades to close Mount Beerwah, the highest of the Glass House Mountains in Queensland, which they view as the "mother" to the rest of the range.

In the video above, Midnight Oil frontman Peter Garrett headlines a concert at Uluru to celebrate the rock being closed to climbing

Traditional owners believe it should have stayed closed after reopening to climbing for the first time in seven years in 2016 after rock instability issues were addressed.

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"It is a sacred site. It's where the birthing places were," Jinibara elder Ken Murphy told the [Sunshine Coast Daily](#).



The Glass House Mountains on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. File image. Credit: Getty

"That's the main thing, not for people to climb and take videos up."

Mr Murphy has reiterated his call after a controversial ban on climbing Uluru in the Northern Territory took effect last week in line with Anangu traditional owners' wishes.

An hour north of Beerwah, Kabi Kabi people have called for Mount Coolum to also be closed.

"I'm against people climbing up on the mountain," elder Edna Lourey told *7NEWS*.

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"To us, it's sacred and always will be.

"I would like to see it closed permanently."

The Queensland government says it has no plans to close the tracks.

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