

Uwingu Advisors Statement to the IAU

As Advisors to the Uwingu project we wish to reaffirm our belief in the goals and achievements of the organization.

It is unfair to characterize this citizen participation in astronomical nomenclature as being anything like those organizations that purport to sell astronomical objects to the public.

Uwingu's mission is scientific and educational and directly benefits the space science community. It provides a means by which ordinary citizens can feel connected to and help support the discoveries of exoplanets that continue to excite and astonish the human imagination.

Signed as private citizens,

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