Are you a landholder interested in undertaking a cultural burn on your property?

Contact your local Aboriginal Land Management Team (ALMT)

The ALMT will request the landholder to provide the following information (where available):
1. Purpose of the burn and desired outcomes.
2. General property details including location, size, slope, aspect.
3. Existing ecological and cultural heritage surveys/studies if applicable.
4. Dominant vegetation types, extent and condition, weed and pest management issues, presence, extent and condition of creeks and rivers, soil type.
5. Presence of existing fire trails or existing containment lines.
6. Presence of Endangered Ecological Communities and/or habitat for threatened flora and fauna species if applicable.

ALMT reviews information to determine if the property is suitable for a cultural burn.

YES

ALMT provides a quote to the landholder to prepare the Prescribed Burn Plan and Cultural Burn Plan, including implementation and monitoring.

NO

Hunter LLS and LALC provide the landholder with advice on other techniques or methods they could apply.

ALMT undertakes site assessments to identify areas to be protected during the cultural burn. Assessments include:
• Flora and fauna assessment
• Ecological assessment
• Cultural heritage assessment

ALMT prepare the Prescribed Burn Plan. The Prescribed Burn Plan will include:
• purpose and expected outcomes of the cultural burn
• area and extent of the proposed burn site
• whether a staged approach is required depending on property size
• any legislative constraints that may need to be addressed
• results of site assessments.

ALMT develops a Cultural Burn Plan. The Cultural Burn Plan will include:
• proposed burn frequency schedule over consecutive years
• identification of cultural indicators (vegetation types, soil, etc) to inform staged program
• monitoring plan.

ALMT submit the Prescribed Burn Plan to the Rural Fire Service for notification.

ALMT informs the neighbouring properties, wider community and other stakeholders that the burn is about to be undertaken.

ALMT undertake the cultural burn

ALMT commences monitoring of site.

Optional Cultural Activities that can be incorporated into the burn program include:
• Smoking Ceremony
• Traditional dancing

ALMT to develop a Project Management Schedule and Access Agreement for the landholder’s consent.

QUOTE NOT ACCEPTED

Landholder to contact the Rural Fire Service or LLS to discuss alternatives, such as hazard reduction burning.

CONNECTING LANDHOLDERS TO TRADITIONAL PRACTICES

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