



Cultural Burning

What is involved in a cultural burn ?

Cultural burning is guided by cultural obligations to care for Country and knowledge passed down through Elders. Building strong relationships and working collaboratively with Traditional Owners, landholders, agencies, and communities is an important part of the process.

Successful cultural burns require careful planning and a strong understanding of the local environment, including plants, animals, ecosystems, land types, seasonal conditions, and biodiversity needs. Adequate time for research, consultation, and preparation is essential.

A range of practical and regulatory considerations must also be addressed, including approvals, costs, insurance requirements, qualifications, equipment, and resourcing. Planning should also consider long-term land management activities such as weed and pest control.

Protecting cultural heritage and monitoring Country before and after a burn helps capture learnings, assess outcomes, and support the ongoing health and resilience of the landscape for future generations.

Benefits of a cultural burn

Cultural burning supports cultural knowledge sharing, connection to Country and improves the health of Country.

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