



Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium

Cultural Burning Recognition Statement

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The Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium recognises and acknowledges that Australia's fire-prone landscapes have been nurtured by First Nations Peoples for tens of thousands of years. The Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium believes that cultural burning practices are critical to the health, sustainability and preservation of Queensland, its people and environment. The Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium seeks to collaborate, share knowledge and build capacity for the improvement of fire management in the broader landscape.

Fire has played a critical role in the evolution of the Australian landscape, through millions of years of lightning strikes and tens of thousands of years of cultural burning practices. Through the use of fire, First Nations Peoples have, and continue to play a significant role in maintaining the health of these landscapes. This leadership and understanding are key for effective land management and biodiversity conservation in our fire-prone environment.

The Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium seeks to acknowledge, be respectful and supportive of the aspirations of First Nations Peoples. The Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium seeks to collaborate and partner with First Nations and Indigenous fire managers, and to be inclusive of cultural burning practices wherever possible. The Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium welcomes new opportunities to partner with First Nations and Indigenous-led organisations, whilst respecting existing cultural burning programs and networks.



