HAZARDS, CULTURE AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

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THE CONTEXT

• As for centuries, majority of Aboriginal people today live in southern Australia

• Increasing formal land holdings

• Diverse intercultural communities

• Sector = increased enthusiasm + variable policies and practices

• Wider interest in TEK

• Complexities of identity, knowledge and authority
PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1) Investigate current priorities and engagement

2) Conduct collaborative research to improve engagement

3) Synthesize results for broader policy and practice utilisation

→ Intercultural Focus
EXAMPLE: DISCOURSES AROUND ‘CULTURAL BURNING’

VALUES AND PRACTICES

• Why should they be supported?
• What is their purpose?
• What should their purpose be and who decides?
• How are they done?
• Who can do them?
• What knowledge and/or support is needed?
• What happens when management aims collide?
PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT TO DATE

- Meetings and workshops
- Vic team and end user meeting

Proposed case studies:
1. ACT
2. Loddon-Mallee Region

KEY UTILISATION PRODUCTS

• Case-study interactions and findings
• ‘State of play’ reporting – insights and comparative analysis
• Social-institutional diagrammatic maps
• Factors for success
• National and sub-national networks
NEXT STEPS

- Ethics application
- Continue case study and end user engagement
- Literature review
- Principal Researcher recruitment
- AFAC co-presentation
PROJECT TEAM
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Dr Timothy Neale, Deakin University
Mr Oliver Costello, Firestick Farming
Dr Brian Cook, University of Melbourne
Mr Jeremy Dore, Aboriginal Carbon Fund
A/Prof Tara McGee, University of Alberta
Prof Jeremy Russell-Smith, Charles Darwin University
Principal Researcher to be appointed
Research Assistant to be appointed

END USERS
John Schauble, Emergency Management Victoria
Rodney Carter, Dja Dja Wurrung Clans AC
Simon Curry, NSW Rural Fire Service
Mark Eccleston, Aboriginal Victoria
Dean Freeman, ACT Parks and Conservation Service
Stuart Gunning, WA State Emergency Management Committee
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ASSOCIATED PHD STUDENTS
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