

Rangelands WA fire management BlueSheet

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Around us

 Growing evidence of climate change, growing demands on limited government funding, fire management becoming increasingly political, lots of mining activity in WA

Rangelands WA

 North of line from Kalbarri to Esperance; comprises 7 subregions (Kimberley, Pilbara, Gascoyne, Murchison, Goldfields, Nullabor & Desert); corresponding NRM group in place: highly variable vegetation: pastoralism the main land use; lots of vacant Crown Land

Strengths

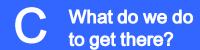
- Lots of energy & collaboration
- Examples of good local results on the ground
- · Growing Indigenous engagement & re-connection with country
- Some innovative funding models
- Good & improving mapping tools
- Significant untapped Indigenous fire knowledge

Weaknesses

- Fire management is inherently risky business
- Increasing bureaucracy
- Rangelands a very large , diverse & inaccessible region
- Divide between Indigenous / biodiversity-focused land managers & pastoralists
- Fickle & piecemeal funding for fire management
- · Limited information & knowledge sharing amongst fire professionals
- Fragmented & sometimes conflicting fire policy & legislation (e.g. people & property vs biodiversity)
- Changed fire regimes contributing to ecosystem & biodiversity declines
- Some conflict between Indigenous cultural practices & legal requirements
- Many pastoral enterprises are economically marginal
- Complex land tenure arrangements
- Rangelands not recognised by general public

Focusing question

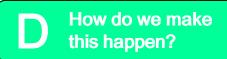
How can we best manage fire in the WA Rangelands to deliver long-term positive biodiversity, cultural & economic outcomes for the benefit of all stakeholders?



Our strategy

Establish a cross-sectoral leadership group to plan, mobilise support for, & coordinate the following strategic thrusts:

- 1. Engage with pastoralists
- Develop a regional strategy
- 3. Develop a sustainable funding model
- 4. Develop a widely-recognised brand
- 5. Improve & streamline legislation



What?	Who?	When?
1. Prepare & distribute Fire Forum outputs	CS	3/14
Take every opportunity to share ideas & energy from Fire Forum	All	Ongoing
Work with Rangelands WA NRM to establish leadership group	NB/RS/J	S 4/14
4. Collate all available data & information	TBD	6/14
Keep Fire Forum participants informed about progress	JS	Quarterly

Vision

Where do we want to be?

One integrated fire management regime:

- That is proactively planned & coordinated
- That recognises local circumstances
- That delivers cultural, economic and ecological benefits
- · That benefits all stakeholders



Values

- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Adaptation



Guiding principles

- 1. Capture & share knowledge
- 2. Involve all stakeholders
- 3. Identify & pursue co-benefits
- 4 Ensure effective governance
 - 5. Raise profile of region
- 6. Encourage TO stewardship
- 7. Seek diverse funding sources