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Senator ABETZ —.....Turning to the team of scientists, there is I understand a team of scientists led by a CSIRO environmental economist who suggests that cool burns across Indigenous land could cut emissions by 2.6 million tonnes per year. Do we have any information on that to provide us with further information?

Dr Johnson—Again, I am just trying to understand the nature of your question. Are you asking if we are involved in work around burning in the northern range lands?

Senator ABETZ—Yes, if a copy of that study—I think it is no secret that it is your environmental economist, Mr Scott Heckbert, Research Scientist, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems. Similarly, if we could be provided with a copy of that study because that would be, if I might say, very helpful to us. I think finishes me on CSIRO.

ANSWER

A copy of the report is available at:

<<http://www.csiro.au/resources/Indigenous-lands-emissions-offsets.html>>