

2011 - 12 Investment Project

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PROJECT

Project title

Please provide a title which clearly indicates what your project will achieve

Delivering the recommendations of the Eastern Plains Fire Trial, Kangaroo Island

Project Summary

Please provide a short description of your project. This summary will be used to communicate about your project e.g. in media announcements and in the Funding Agreement. The information should be consistent with what you give later in the application.

The senescence of plant communities due to inappropriate fire regimes has been identified as a critical threat to declining nationally threatened plant species and associated habitat in fragmented landscapes on Kangaroo Island. This project builds on 9 years of work by the KI Nationally Threatened Plant Project and will implement specific ecological and operational recommendations from the highly successful Eastern Plains Fire Trial. It will deliver 14 prescribed burns (covering 70 hectares) in partnership with 14 stakeholder groups and 10 landholders. These burns will be located strategically across the Kangaroo Island landscape to enhance the recovery and resilience of at least four nationally threatened plant species.

Proposed duration

Proposed start date (mm/yyyy)

07/2012

Proposed completion date (mm/yyyy)

06/2013

State:

South Australia

NRM Region:

Kangaroo Island

Regional Body:

Kangaroo Island NRM Board

Are you authorised to act on behalf of the selected regional body?

Yes

If dividing your base-level project into separate projects, describe how the projects are linked or integrated.

The KI NRM Plan Here to Stay-For our children and grandchildren 2009 (the Plan) is the foundation of all KI NRM Board projects. The Plan was developed by the Board in consultation with regional community, industry and stakeholder groups. It sets the direction for managing the Island's natural resources to benefit its social, economic and environmental future.

Using program logic projects have been developed to achieve the goals and outcomes of the Plan. The projects seeking funding through the CfoC regional allocation deliver core business for the Board, focusing on best managing regional NR assets at a landscape scale and across land tenures, together with the community, industry and stakeholder groups. The Board reviewed all projects requiring funding and selected these projects as being the highest priority for the region. Remaining high priority projects will seek funding through other sources such as the CfoC Open Grants and South Australian Government.

The projects are:

1. Catchment to Coast2-Ecological restoration from Cygnet River to Nepean Bay

2. Protecting KI from invasive species, Phase 2

3. Delivering the recommendations of the Eastern Plains Fire Trial, KI

Together they deliver best management of biodiversity, primary production, soils, freshwater and coast and marine systems and manage the processes that threaten them.

Project managers have developed the projects together to deliver the Plan. They meet bi-monthly to discuss progress and possibilities for integration and report to the Board quarterly on their delivery. Project outcomes are promoted jointly through the Board's communication strategy and through each projects communication strategy sitting under the Boards. Monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improving project performance is overseen by the Board and further refines strategies to deliver the Plan in the future. Thus the projects are linked through their foundation, development, promotion, implementation and evaluation.

Please identify any other projects that are linked to this one, and any projects (for example, new Caring for our Country, existing or new State/Territory projects) that you are aware of that may have synergies with this one.

This project directly builds upon a series of 9 State and Australian Government funded projects implementing the KI Nationally Threatened Plant Project since 2002. This includes 1 previous CFOC project and 1 current CFOC project:

- 2009/2010 Eastern Plains Fire Trial (Phase 2), Kangaroo Island,
- 2010/2012 Eastern Plains Fire Trial (Phase 3), Kangaroo Island.

The purpose of these two CFOC projects and the Eastern Plains Fire Trial (EPFT) was to develop a better understanding of the role of fire in maintaining ecosystem diversity and health, and to promote the regeneration of plant communities in an area of eastern Kangaroo Island subject to biodiversity decline. A total of 36 small (<5ha) were completed under these projects and a further 4 large scale (>20 ha sites) will be undertaken as part of the EPFT Phase 3 in 2011/2012.

This project uses the ecological and operational lessons learned from the EPFT to deliver a larger and more ambitious landscape scale fire management project targeting nationally threatened plant habitat across the fragmented landscapes of Kangaroo Island. It specifically delivers three recommendations from a January 2011 preliminary report on the EPFT (Taylor 2011a):

Recommendation 1. Replace the EPFT in mid 2012 with a new fire management program focused on encouraging regeneration in long unburnt plant communities across Kangaroo Island.

Recommendation 2. Continue the post burn monitoring of flora and fauna at each of the 36 sites completed under the EPFT until at least the end of 2012.

Recommendation 3. Use the preliminary findings and observations of the EPFT (Taylor 2011a) to guide the development and implementation of future fire management projects on Kangaroo Island.

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SECTION : APPLICANT DETAILS

The *Applicant Details* are required for the legal entity with whom the Australian Government will form a contract, if this project is successful.

Organisation details

Organisation Name	Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board
Organisation/Company ABN	86052151451
Is your organisation registered for GST?	Yes

Entity type

State Government Other Incorporated Entity

Applicant contact information – primary contact person

The primary contact person should be a person in the lead organisation who is readily contactable in April-July 2011 during the project assessment period and will be involved in the day-to-day management of the project.

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Authorised person – person who will sign the contract

This is the person with power to bind the organisation in a contract for the value of this project.

Is the authorised person the same as the proponent organisation contact person (details in above)

No

	Title	First name	Last name
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Applicant contact information – secondary contact person

The secondary contact person should be a person who is readily contactable in April-July 2011 and will only be contacted where the primary contact person is unavailable.

	Title	First name	Last name
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SECTION : TARGETS

Which Caring for our Country target(s) does your project address?

(Your project will be assessed against how well your project addresses these target/s .)

Biodiversity and Natural Icons

- Increasing native habitat

Sustainable Farm Practices

- Landscape scale conservation
- Improving knowledge and skills

What part of the selected target/s will your project meet?

Increasing native habitat

- Describe briefly how your project will reduce critical threats to biodiversity? **This project addresses the critical threat of inappropriate fire regimes on the biodiversity of fragmented landscapes on Kangaroo Island. This threat is a product of the exclusion of fire and has led to the senescence and decline of plant species and communities that are dependent on fire to stimulate regeneration. This is a particular issue for a suite of understory plants, including at least 6 nationally threatened species and more than 25 endemic, state or regionally listed plant species (Taylor 2008).**

This project will manage this threat by implementing strategically located and carefully managed prescription burns in habitats of four nationally threatened plant species. The prescribed burn methodology employed by this project will be based upon the techniques developed and tested under previous projects managed by the KI Nationally Threatened Plant Project. This includes 9 trial burns completed 2003-2006 and 36 prescribed burns undertaken as part of the Eastern Plains Fire Trial (EPFT) 2008-2010. These trials demonstrated that under the right conditions prescribed burning can be a highly effective and efficient means of stimulating plant regeneration in senescent and declining plant communities. This project aims to apply these methods over a much larger area to achieve landscape scale conservation outcomes.

- Area of native habitat and vegetation that will be managed to reduce critical threats to biodiversity **70** hectares
- Does this area contain suitable habitat for any nationally threatened (EPBC listed) species? **Yes**
Please specify **Beyeria subsecta, Olearia microdisca, Leionema equestre, Spyridium eriocephalum var. glabrisepalum**
- Does this area managed contain any nationally endangered ecological communities? **Yes**
- South Australia **Yes**

Recent listings of nationally endangered ecological communities. If the nationally endangered ecological community your project addresses is not included above it may have been listed since 01 April 2011. Listings are available from www.environment.gov.au

- Please specify any recent listings in the area you will be managing **KI Narrow-leaved Mallee Eastern Plains Complex nominated as a Threatened Ecological Community under the EPBC Act in 2009**
- Hectares managed **70**
- Will your project address at a landscape scale and enhance the condition or connectivity of habitats and landscapes? **Yes**
- Describe how your project will improve the condition of habitat on the property(s) and its connection to

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This project will undertake prescribed burning to stimulate the regeneration of senescent plant communities and improve the overall condition of this habitat. This regeneration will be driven by the post fire germination of diverse soil seedbanks and will significantly increase the above ground plant diversity at each site. The structure of the plant community at each site will also change from one dominated by a mallee overstorey (with little or no understorey) to one that has an open canopy and is dominated by a diverse and dense heath understorey.

This improvement in habitat condition is expected to provide ideal conditions for nationally threatened plant species to increase in abundance at each site. It is also expected to provide habitat for fauna reliant on 'fire dependent' plant species (particularly understorey plant species). This includes pollinators (insects, birds and mammals) that provide a critically important ecosystem service in fragmented plant communities.

It is anticipated that the ecological benefits of this improvement in bushland condition may also lead to improvements in the condition of bushland connected to each burn site. This could include the flow of pollen and native seed from understorey plant species within the burn site into adjacent bushland, potentially improving the diversity and genetic viability of connected remnants.

- Number of neighbouring properties to be connected through the activities of this project **5**
- Number of actual hectares being worked on **70**

Landscape scale conservation

- Landscape scale conservation-extending and/or improving the condition of native vegetation **Yes**

On how many actual properties will activities be undertaken that will contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity? **10** properties

How many actual farmers will be engaged in the project and undertake activities that will contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity? **10** farmers

What is the total actual project area that activities will be undertaken that will contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity? **70** hectares

On how many properties could activities be undertaken that contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity, as a result of being influenced by the project? **3** properties

How many farmers could undertake activities that contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity, as a result of being influenced by the project? **3** farmers

What is the total area that activities could be undertaken that will contribute to the ongoing conservation and protection of biodiversity, as a result of being influenced by the project? **20** hectares

Which approach(es) will you use?

On adjoining properties which share a common biodiversity asset (such as remnant native vegetation, including native grasslands and riparian vegetation) **Yes**

What landscape scale conservation activity(ies) will you undertake?

Fencing **Yes**

Other **Yes**

Please specify **Prescribed burning to promote biodiversity**

- Innovative management practices to improve resource condition **Yes**

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Please specify the innovative management practice(s) to improve the resource condition **This project will implement a unique operational method of prescribed burning, developed through the KI Nationally Threatened Plant Project and the Eastern Plains Fire Trial. This method places a particular emphasis on manipulating fire intensity, fire timing (season) and native herbivore grazing regimes to achieve the best regeneration result.**

Improving knowledge and skills

- Landscape scale conservation-extending and/or improving the condition of native vegetation **Yes**

Please specify how many farmers or land managers will demonstrate an improvement in knowledge and skills in natural resource management under your proposal. **10** Number

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SECTION : PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Activities proposed

Please, clearly identify what activities this project will carry out.

Include the proportion of the budget for each of the following activities (if applicable).

This project will undertake 10 planning, monitoring and on-ground delivery activities during 2012/2013 (\$260,800). The methodology used to develop each of these actions has been sourced from the principles, procedures and systems used to plan, manage and implement prescription burn programs under the Eastern Plains Fire Trial (Taylor 2011b).

Activity 1. Preparation and submission of a project description to the South Australian Government and the Australian Government for assessment and approval under the Native Vegetation Act 1991 and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (\$14,094). July-August 2012.

Activity 2. Preparation of prescribed burning operations plans, involving consultation with landholders and the SA Country Fire Service, for 14 sites (\$10,524). August-September 2012.

Activity 3. Development and implementation of a prescribed burn communications strategy (\$12,335). September 2012, March 2013.

Activity 4. Establishment of a minimum of one, 10 m x 10 m monitoring plot at each of the 14 prescribed burning sites (\$8,809). September 2012.

Activity 5. Site preparation activities, including actions to protect assets, establish fuel breaks, enhance surface fuel loads, remove hazards and erect appropriate signage, undertaken at 14 prescribed burn sites (\$24,758). September 2012, March 2013.

Activity 6. Completion of 14 prescribed burns (covering 70 ha) involving 20 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) staff and 10 SA Country Fire Service (CFS) volunteers (\$123,999). October-November 2012, March-April 2013.

Activity 7. Completion of post burn activities including fence maintenance and construction (\$29,049). November-December 2012, April-June 2013.

Activity 8. Involvement of 10 landholders in the planning, preparation and completion of prescribed burns on their properties, improving their skills, knowledge and experience in bushland, fire and threatened plant species management (\$4,933). August 2012-May 2013.

Activity 9. Completion of a final survey of 10 Eastern Plains Fire Trial burn sites (\$8591). October 2012.

Activity 10. Monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement (MERI) (\$23,709). July 2012-June 2013.

Explain why you have selected these activities and how they will lead to improvements in terms of each selected target.

Please address each target and support claims that the activities and the practices are relevant, the best available or technically feasible in your area.

The activities chosen for this project were selected based on 9 years of work developing the most effective and efficient methods of managing nationally threatened plant populations and habitat in the fragmented landscape of eastern Kangaroo Island:

Activity 1.

The prescription burns in remnant vegetation support essential and potential habitat for nationally threatened plant species. CFOC targets: Increasing native habitat, Landscape scale conservation.

Activity 2.

Operations planning is required to clearly identify necessary actions to safely and effectively complete prescription burns to stimulate regeneration at each site. Past experience has shown consultation with landholders and the CFS is critical to successful operations planning. CFOC targets: Increasing native habitat, Landscape scale conservation.

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Activity 3.

The EPFT demonstrated that communication of project objectives, actions and progress is critical to maintaining public support for the project. It also plays an important role in encouraging community participation. CFOC targets: Increasing native habitat, Landscape scale conservation, Improving knowledge and skills.

Activity 4.

The collection of pre-burn site condition information is critical to assess the full impact of project activities. The information will adapt to adapt and improve future operational methodology. CFOC targets: Increasing native habitat, Landscape scale conservation, Improving knowledge and skills.

Activity 5.

Five site preparations undertaken during the EPFT were found to improve efficiency, effectiveness, cost and safety of burn operations. These will be again applied to achieve the same outcomes. CFOC targets: Increasing native habitat, Landscape scale conservation.

Activity 6.

Activity 6 will directly increase the area of native habitat managed to address critical threats to biodiversity. Trials undertaken since 2003 have shown burning promotes the regeneration of both nationally threatened plant species and the habitat they depend upon. CFOC targets: Increasing native habitat, Landscape scale conservation.

Activity 7.

This action ensures prescribed burn sites are not subjected to livestock grazing post burn. CFOC targets: Increasing native habitat, Landscape scale conservation.

Activity 8.

Landholder involvement is critical to the delivery of this project. Improving the knowledge and skills of landholders is also critical to future implementation of prescribed burn programs on KI. CFOC targets: Increasing native habitat, Landscape scale conservation, Improving knowledge and skills.

Activity 9.

This activity will assess the impact of prescribed burns undertaken as part of the EPFT in 2010. This information is critical to further improving land manager knowledge of the impact of prescribed burning on native vegetation. CFOC targets: Increasing native habitat, Landscape scale conservation, Improving knowledge and skills.

Activity 10

This action will track project progress and further improve project methodology based on the lessons learned. CFOC targets: Increasing native habitat, Landscape scale conservation, Improving knowledge and skills.

Devolved grants

If you are seeking funding for a devolved grants component please outline

- the type of devolved grants, market based instrument or economic incentive that will be used to deliver the Caring for our Country target/s
- the target audience and likely degree of adoption
- the size of the grants/incentives for groups
- the expected administration costs for your organisation to run these grants
- how much funding will be delivered to on-ground activities

Not seeking devolved grants.

Project manager or facilitator services

If your project involves the use of a project manager(s) or facilitator(s) please outline:

- What activities they will undertake
- What amount of funding will be required to cover their costs

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A full time project manager will be employed to oversee the delivery of this project. The project manager role will include managing and directing the expenditure of project funds, completing project reporting, building and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders and providing project leadership. They will also be required to co-ordinate and take a lead role in the delivery of:

- a) Project planning, including producing detailed work plans and timelines for the delivery of project actions.
- b) Official approvals, including managing the process to obtain approvals to undertake prescribed burning from the Australian Government, SA Government, SA Country Fire Service and landholders.
- c) Operations planning, including the development of operations plans for each individual burn site.
- d) Resource management, including the sourcing of sufficient crew and fire fighting resources to undertake the prescribed burn program.
- e) Communication, including ensuring the flow of information from the project to the general community.
- f) On-ground delivery, including undertaking pre-burn monitoring and site preparation, prescribed burn operations and post-burn activities.

This role is critical to the smooth delivery of this project. A project officer (PO2 level including oncosts) is expected to cost \$91,611.

How many project managers or facilitators will be directly employed in a full time equivalent (FTE) position under your project?

1.0000

Indigenous Engagement and Participation

How will Indigenous Australians be involved in your project? How did you explore opportunities to engage Indigenous Australians?

This project is working to improve landholder capacity in a defined, targeted area. At present there are no Indigenous landholders within this area, and at this point there are no groups who have expressed an interest in the area the project is working in.

The KI NRM Board is endeavoring to actively engage with Indigenous groups with an interest in KI. Contact has been made with each community. The Board aims to meet and consult with the groups several times a year and to give them every opportunity to be part of Board activities, including CFOC project work.

How many Indigenous Australians will be directly employed in a full time equivalent (FTE) position under your project?

0.0000

How will you engage other community members in your project?

Please outline

- the engagement activities planned
- the scale of this involvement
- the potential to raise community awareness and enhance skills

Community members will be engaged, improving their knowledge, skills and experience, in five key activities under this project:

- a) Operations planning. Landholders, managers and neighbours to each burn site will be involved in the development of an operations plan for each burn site. This will clearly outline the actions to be undertaken at each site during the project. Additional input for each plan will also be sought from the local CFS brigade captain.
- b) Monitoring the response of flora and fauna. Students from Flinders University and the Australian National University will assist the project manager to establish monitoring plots and record the pre-burn condition of each burn site. They will also be involved in the final survey of monitoring plot at 10 Eastern Plains Fire Trial burn sites completed in 2010.
- c) Pre-burn site preparation. Landholders, managers, neighbours and contractors will be involved in preparing each selected site for prescribed burning. This includes activities to protect assets (primarily fences), establish fire breaks, increase surface fuel loads, remove safety hazards and erect pre-burn signage.
- d) Burn operations. The SA CFS, KI Council and landholders are expected to assist DENR staff to undertake the prescribed burning program. An average of 89.8 hrs person hours were committed by crew to each

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prescribed burn during the Eastern Plains Fire Trial and it is a likely that similar commitment will be required to undertake burns under this project.

e) Post burn completion. Landholders and contractors will be involved in post burn actions that will include fence maintenance and construction.

The project is also expected to provide significant opportunities to raise community awareness and knowledge of fire and bushland management practices. Most of the prescribed burns undertaken as part of this project will be implemented in the most populated section of KI, generating significant public exposure and interest. A communications strategy (tried during the EPFT) will be implemented to engage landholders and the general public and keep them informed of project objectives, actions and progress. Communication actions undertaken during each prescribed burn season will include:

- mailing a flyer to all Kangaroo Island landholders,
- placing a public notice in the local newspaper,
- providing regular email updates on project progress to all major stakeholders,
- phoning or visiting key neighbours to each burn site in the month leading up to a burn season,
- completing media releases at critical time during each burn program, such as the first and last burns of each season.

Communication with the public during each individual prescribed burn will include:

- phoning key stakeholders, landholders and neighbours immediately pre-burn,
- completing a media release,
- erecting roadside signage in the vicinity of the burn site.

How many community groups will you engage in you project?

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Does your project include activities that are likely to have a significant adverse impact on any matters of national environmental significance?

No

Risk Management

Please define the major risks associated with this project and what management actions you will put in place to minimise or avoid these risks

What are the risks?	Impact of the risk	Likelihood of it occurring	Overall risk	Mitigation strategy
Unfavourable weather conditions	Moderate	Possible	Medium	This risk will be minimized through close monitoring of weather conditions and thorough project organisation. This will allow the project to capitalize on all opportunities to undertake prescribed burns.
Loss of community support	Major	Unlikely	Medium	A significant proportion of the local community currently supports this project. A comprehensive communication strategy, informing the community of project objectives and progress will be implemented to maintain this support.
Low level of community participation	Major	Unlikely	Medium	A total of 154 people participated and contributed to the delivery of the EPFT. This level of participation will be fostered in this project by

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Low level of community participation	Major	Unlikely	Medium	focusing on maintaining relationships with stakeholders and continuing communication.
Regeneration will not occur	Major	Unlikely	Medium	This project will employ successful methodology developed under the KI Nationally Threatened Plant Project and Eastern Plains Fire Trial to achieve successful regeneration outcomes.

SECTION : BUDGET

Budget for project

Caring for our Country target	Financial year	Funding sought (GST exclusive)
Increasing native habitat	2012-13	\$ 253,867.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 253,867.00
Landscape scale conservation	2012-13	\$ 6,933.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 6,933.00
	Total:	\$ 260,800.00
Of this what funding is allocated to MERI planning and implementation		\$ 23,709.00

Other source/s of cash funding

Please indicate other cash funding which is necessary for the completion of your project.

Organisation	Contact person	Phone	Security of funds	Amount (GST)
Total				

Total project budget

Caring for our Country funding (GST excl)	Other funding (GST excl)	Total Amount (GST excl)
\$ 260,800.00		\$ 260,800.00

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Overview information for project

Project ID	Project Title	Budget
RB12-00040-2	Delivering the recommendations of the Eastern Plains Fire Trial, Kangaroo Island	\$ 260,800.00
Total		\$ 260,800.00

SECTION : DECLARATIONS

Proponents should note that, by completing and submitting this project, they agree to the following statements.

I certify that:

- to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this project is complete and correct and no information is false or misleading. I understand that it is an offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* to provide false or misleading information
- I understand that the Australian Government is under no obligation to provide funding for this project
- I understand that the Australian Government assumes no responsibility for any investment in activities relating to this project that are made before the formation of a contract with the
- I/the organisation I represent supports this project and, if successful, agrees to enter into a contract with the Australian Government to deliver the project and administer the project's
- I have the agreement of all partners to the contents of this project
- I will spend the funding and implement the project in the ways described in the project, unless otherwise agreed by all parties
- the project has not already received funding in part or in full from any other funding source, except as identified in this project
- I/the organisation I represent understand that any payments made by the Australian Government in relation to this project are subject to the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services) Act 1999*
- I consent, on behalf of all parties, to this project being referred to third parties for assessment purposes
- I understand that the Australian Government may undertake external assessments or feasibility studies in relation to this project
- I understand that the Australian Government may undertake to negotiate components of this project to ensure that the most appropriate package for investment and delivery of Caring for our Country targets is in place
- I consent to publication of the above information by the Australian Government if I am awarded funding under this grants program
- I agree that I accept full responsibility to ensure that all of the necessary planning, regulatory and other approvals, permits and permissions are obtained before commencing this project
- to the best of my knowledge, there are no real or likely to be perceived conflicts of interest contained in or associated with this project

The Australian Government thanks you for your interest in Caring for our Country and for the time and effort you have made in preparing this project.