



Australian Community Frontline Actions

### Abstract

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The West Arnhem Land Fire Abatement project started as a collaboration between aboriginal communities, scientists and fire managers to bring back the ancient burning regime which was lost at great cost to the environment when aboriginal people moved to towns after WWII. The discovery that this regime of early dry season burning lead to significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions lead to the establishment of a world first fire management greenhouse gas abatement project - WALFA. The project agreement includes a 17 year deal in which ConocoPhillips an international producer of LNG pays for the local community to manage fire to reduce greenhouse emissions. The project has been a success reducing nearly 600,000 of emissions in four years and providing a model for 4 'next generation' savanna burning greenhouse emissions abatement projects.