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**Senator Siewert asked:**

Significant successes have been achieved in terms of carbon abatement and biodiversity conservation at the neighbouring Wardekkeren Land Management West Arnhem Land Fire Abatement Project. Given this, it would seem that any similar Indigenous fire management initiatives would be strongly supported by Parks. Please explain why these initiatives, some now over three years old, have not been developed in Kakadu.

**Answer:**

In 2015 Parks Australia facilitated a number of workshops to familiarise the Board and Traditional Owners with opportunities to participate in the Carbon Farming Initiative as a management tool to improve fire management and generate revenue.

In late 2016 Parks Australia registered two Carbon Projects - one on Jawoyn country (in South Kakadu) and one on Mirarr land (in North Kakadu). These projects will generate revenue that will be used to support Indigenous employment and fire management infrastructure. Parks will continue to work with Traditional Owners in other areas of the Park to expand the current project area and generate further revenue and employment for Bininj/Mungguy.