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Senator Peris asked:

1. In the Northern Land Council's media statement on Friday, 9 October it states that "this is the second year in a row that ERA has created havoc in Kakadu with its damaging fire management practices..." and that "last year traditional owners were promised new protocols and practices to prevent a recurrence." What steps were taken to improve communications and prevent a recurrence?

Answer:

Parks Australia has no statutory role in the management of fire within the ERA Ranger Project Area. ERA is the most appropriate source of information about their fire management practices, including any consultations with traditional owners.