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**Glencore Support a Welcome Boost for Endangered Grasswrens**

Southern Gulf NRM welcomes support from the Glencore Community Program for its Carpentarian Grasswren fire management project, that was announced this week.

Southern Gulf NRM Chief Executive Officer Andrew Maclean said, “Glencore’s support will be a significant and very valuable boost to the Australian Government funding for the project”.

The endangered Carpentarian Grasswren occupies spinifex habitat to the north and west of Mount Isa.

It is threatened by the risk of extensive fires that destroy large areas of the old-growth spinifex that the Grasswren depends on.

Listed as nationally-endangered only last year, Southern Gulf NRM has been quick to respond by establishing a project involving multiple partners that will implement managed burns over key habitat areas.

“With Glencore’s additional funding, we will be able to support fire management training for Indigenous community members and support additional volunteer grasswren survey work”, said Mr Maclean.

The focus of the project is on the Kalkadoon-owned Calton Hills Station, which is operated as a pastoral enterprise.

“We are delighted to be working with Calton Hills to develop a fire management plan that delivers benefits for Carpentarian Grasswren as well as protecting vital pasture resources from the risk of fire”, he said.

It is not just Glencore’s funding that is welcome.

“Glencore’s support for this project demonstrates the company’s awareness of the important natural values of north west Queensland and is a vote of confidence in Southern Gulf NRM and its partners”, said Mr Maclean

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**Attached:** Carpentarian Grasswren flyer

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