The Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Kon Vatskalis, today announced a new Arnhem Land Fire Control Region, incorporating Arnhem Land and Kakadu National Park.

Mr Vatskalis said the new Arnhem Land Regional Fire Control Committee, a community-based group, will be established to manage bushfires within the new region.

"The exact boundary of the new region will be determined through a process of consultation with relevant stakeholders and neighbouring regional committees," Mr Vatskalis said.

"This new fire control region will allow landholders and the Government to co-ordinate bushfire management more effectively, and support remote indigenous communities and outstations in the management of fire with significant biodiversity and cultural outcomes.

"The new committee will assist with a range of bushfire issues in the region and will allow for the sharing of ideas and fire management practices, both contemporary and traditional.

"It will also help ongoing research into fire so that we can help protect the region’s biodiversity, natural resources and enhance indigenous cultural pursuits and business enterprises."

Mr Vatskalis said expression of interest will be called in the near future for membership on the Arnhem Land Regional Bushfires Committee.

Consultation with traditional indigenous communities will be undertaken as part of the selection process.