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EDO NSW News and Events

You're invited – our 2017 Gala Dinner, a charity event not to miss

Celebrate public interest environmental law and the work of EDO NSW at our [2017 Gala Dinner](#).

Join our MCs legendary comedy duo Roy & HG and celebrity auctioneer Cecily Hardy for a fabulous night of entertainment, hear from keynote speaker the Hon. Margaret Beazley AO, watch Dr Karl Kruszelnicki AM, and listen to the stories of some of the communities we've worked with to protect the environment through law.

When: Thursday 15 June 2017, 6:30-10pm

Where: Ivy Ballroom, Level 1, 320 George Street, Sydney (entrance at the end of Palings Lane)

There will be fine food and drink, live music, and a charity auction where you'll have the chance to bid on exciting items, including things that money can't buy.

We'd love you to be there. Don't miss out!

[Book your tickets now »](#)

Gala Dinner 2017
A charity event not to miss!



Congratulations Wendy Bowman

Please join us in congratulating our client Wendy Bowman, who has been awarded the internationally prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize.

We have had the privilege of working with Wendy over many years in her fight to protect Camberwell in the Hunter Valley from the cumulative impacts of coal mining.

Wendy is a tireless and selfless advocate for her community and the environment, and her determination and grace under enormous pressure have inspired all of us at EDO NSW. We're delighted her courage is being recognised internationally.

Help us celebrate Wendy's recognition and inspire others to defend their environment through law by [sharing Wendy's amazing story](#).

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CPD – transparency and accountability under the EPBC Act: industry bodies and environmental powers

Do industry body assessment and approval processes meet the regulatory requirements of the EPBC Act? How do transparency and accountability in decision-making and regulatory processes ensure potential environmental impacts of oil or gas production are comprehensively assessed and managed?

Join us in Sydney on 11 May for [EDO Insider - CPD seminar on transparency and accountability under the EPBC Act: industry bodies and environmental powers](#). You'll also get the inside story on successful Administrative Appeals Tribunal proceedings brought by EDO NSW client International Fund for Animal Welfare.

When: Thursday 11 May 2017, 12:30-1:30pm

Where: Colin Biggers & Paisley, Level 42, 2 Park St, Sydney

[Read more and register »](#)

Analysis: the ever changing face of Barangaroo

How did a casino and hotel building come to dominate Barangaroo in Sydney?

Read our blog for an in-depth look at how the Barangaroo development has changed since the first award-winning design was released in 2006.

[Read more »](#)

Court and Compliance Watch

Port Botany company fined for maintenance issues

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has fined Terminals Pty Ltd \$15,000 for failing to properly maintain and operate equipment for treating air emissions.

The company's Port Botany facility stores, imports, and exports large quantities of liquids including petroleum products, alcohols and oils. The EPA found that a number of components of the company's vapour emissions control system were not properly maintained or working efficiently.

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Law Reform and Policy Watch

Recent EDO submissions and reports

- [Inquiry into the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects as it relates to Commonwealth responsibilities](#), EDOs of Australia submission
- [Draft State Environmental Planning Policy \(Education Establishments and Child Care Facilities\) 2017](#), EDO NSW submission
- [State Environmental Planning Policy \(Infrastructure\) Amendment \(Review\) 2016](#), EDO NSW submission
- [Greater Sydney Commission's draft *Towards Our Greater Sydney 2056*](#), EDO NSW submission
- [NSW Marine Estate Threat and Risk Assessment Draft Report](#), EDO NSW submission
- [Surface Water Status and Issues Papers for the Barwon-Darling and Namoi catchments](#), EDO NSW submissions
- [Reducing emissions from the transport sector](#), EDOs of Australia submission
- [Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Bill 2017](#), EDO NSW submission

Read all of our law reform submissions and briefing papers [on our website](#).

New legislation introduced to Parliament

Australian Parliament

- *No new relevant bills have been introduced into Parliament since the last eBulletin*

NSW Parliament

- *No new relevant bills have been introduced into Parliament since the last eBulletin*

Local Environmental Plan tracking

- **Tweed** – Rezoning of land at Winchelsea Way, Terranora to enable the development of rural residential allotments.
- **Fairfield** – Additional Permitted Uses at Greenway Supacentra, The Horsley Drive, Wetherill Park.

To access the LEP tracking system, visit the Department of Planning and Environment [website](#). Read more about LEPs in our [Fact Sheets](#). Visit your [local council's website](#) to see if there are any planning proposals or LEP changes open for public comment.

Have Your Say Alerts – Opportunities to Comment

This eBulletin provides alerts for opportunities to comment on changes to law and policy, and activities that may impact the environment in your area. For a comprehensive list of current opportunities to have your say on a range of environment and planning matters, visit our [Have Your Say site](#).

This online resource [also helps the community to effectively engage](#) with decision-makers and [request a workshop](#) for your community. We are always trying to improve our community resources and are currently seeking feedback on the effectiveness of Have Your Say. You can help us out by [checking out the site](#) and [completing a short three-question survey](#).

Consultations

- **Queen Victoria Market proposed National Heritage Listing**

The Australian Heritage Council is calling for public submissions on including the Queen Victoria Market, Melbourne, in the National Heritage List.

The Council's initial assessment for this place is that the Market may have National Heritage values. The National Heritage List recognises places that are of outstanding heritage value to the nation for their historic, Indigenous and/or natural heritage values.

Submissions are invited until Friday 14 July 2017.

[Read more and have your say »](#)

- **NSW Travelling Stock Reserve Review**

Local Land Services NSW is calling for public comment on the Travelling Stock Reserve network in NSW to ensure it remains connected, viable and well maintained. There are more than 6,500 TSRs on Crown land in NSW, covering approximately two million hectares.

Submissions are invited until Thursday 22 June 2017.

[Read more and have your say »](#)

- **LeadSmart campaign**

The Broken Hill Environmental Lead Program and the NSW Environment Protection Authority are asking for public feedback on the recent LeadSmart advertising campaign.

They are asking residents of Broken Hill to complete a short confidential survey by visiting the LeadSmart stall at the Coles complex between 10am and 4pm on Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 May 2017.

[Read more and have your say »](#)

- **Roads and transport consultations**

- [Hurstville](#) – Night work on King Georges Road – submissions invited until Monday 8 May 2017.

- **Threatened Species and Endangered Ecological Community Listing Consultations**

- [Acacia pubescens](#) population in the Wingecarribee local government area – Submissions invited until Friday 23 June 2017.
- [Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub](#) in the Sydney Basin Bioregion – Submissions invited until Friday 23 June 2017
- [Aphanes pentamera](#) (a herb) – Submissions invited until Friday 5 May 2017.
- [Hibbertia fumana](#) – Submissions invited until Friday 5 May 2017.
- [Leionema lamprophyllum subsp. Fractum](#) – Submission invited until Friday 5 May 2017.

For a full listing of threatened species and endangered ecological community listings currently open for public comment, visit the [NSW Office of Environment and Heritage website](#) and the [Australian Department of the Environment website](#).

- **Fisheries assessments**
 - [5 Torres Strait fisheries \(Beche de mer, Finfish, prawn, trochus, and tropical rock lobster\)](#) – Export approval extensions – Submissions invited until Wednesday 31 May 2017.

For a full listing of fisheries assessments currently open for public comment, visit the [NSW Department of Primary Industries website](#) and the [Australian Department of the Environment website](#).

Major Project proposals: Invitation to comment

- [Balranald](#) – Development of Limondale large-scale solar farm, Yanga Way – Submissions invited until Friday 26 May 2017.
- [Gulgong](#) – Development of a 95 megawatt solar farm, Beryl Rd – Submissions invited until Thursday 25 May 2017.
- [Auburn](#) – Modification to increase the annual input rate, Clyde Waste Transfer Terminal – Submissions invited until Tuesday 9 May 2017.

For a full listing of major project proposals currently open for public comment, visit the Department of Planning and Environment's [website](#). To learn more about the planning process for major projects, read our [Fact Sheet](#) on State Significant Development and State Significant Infrastructure.

EPBC Referrals: Invitation to comment

- [Crossman, WA](#) – Albany Highway Crossman Intersection Improvements – Submissions invited until Wednesday 10 May 2017.
- [Eastern Goldfields, WA](#) – Construction of aerodrome at Carosue Dam gold mine – Submissions invited until Tuesday 9 May 2017.
- [Gin Gin, QLD](#) – Expansion of quarry operation, Clarkes Road – Submissions invited until Monday 8 May 2017.
- [Mission Beach, QLD](#) – Mission Beach Clump Point Boating Infrastructure Project – Submissions invited until Monday 8 May 2017.

Referrals under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) can be viewed on the Australian Environment Department's [website](#). To learn more, read our [Fact Sheet on the EPBC Act](#).

Plans of Management: Invitation to comment

- **Inner Pocket Nature Reserve Draft Plan of Management**

The National Parks and Wildlife Service is calling for public submissions on the Inner Pocket Nature Reserve Draft Plan of Management. The draft plan provides the community with the opportunity to have a say in the future management directions for the Inner Pocket Nature Reserve, 10 kilometres west of Brunswick Heads.

Submissions are invited until Monday 31 July 2017.

[Read more and have your say »](#)

- **Shaws Creek Conservation Program**

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is calling for public submissions on a draft review of environmental factors and draft conservation management plan for the Shaws Creek area, a narrow reserve below the eastern escarpment of the Blue Mountains, in Yellomundee Regional Park.

Submissions are invited until Friday 2 June 2017.

[Read more and have your say »](#)

The full listing of plans of management for protected areas can be viewed on the [Office of Environment and Heritage website](#). To learn more about the Plans of Management, see our [Fact Sheet on Protected Areas](#).

New Coal and Petroleum Exploration Licence Applications

- *No new coal or petroleum exploration licence applications have been listed since the last eBulletin.*

To view current coal and petroleum (including CSG) exploration licence applications and approvals, visit the Minerals and Petroleum [website](#). The [NSW Government Gazette](#) also contains a list of all exploration and mining lease applications and determinations. Public comment can be made on coal and petroleum (including CSG) exploration licence applications on the Minerals and Petroleum [website](#). To learn more, read the EDO NSW publication [Mining Law in NSW: A guide for the community](#).

Community News

New this week

Bushfire Conference: Fire, Fauna and Ferals

The NSW Nature Conservation Council's 11th biennial bushfire conference will explore how fire management can support ecological values across the landscape, from our backyards through to the bushland interface and beyond.

A conference field day will be held on Thursday 1 June, will visit North Head to see restoration and regeneration projects in action.

When: Tuesday 30 to Wednesday 31 May 2017

Where: Teachers Federation Conference Centre, 37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills, Sydney

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2017 Regional Environment Conference

The Nature Conservation Council's 2017 Regional Environment Conference will be held in Lithgow. The conference is a chance for conservationists to network, learn new skills, and plan for community action.

On the second day of the conference, participants will go on a field trip to Maiyingu Marragu, Cox's River and Wolgan Valley.

Jemilah Hallinan, our Outreach Director – Community Programs, will take part in a panel session on mining impacts on nature in the Central West.

When: Saturday 3 June to Sunday 4 June 2017

Where: Uniting Church Lithgow, 43 Bridge Street, Lithgow

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Australian Environmental Law Digest April 2017

The April 2017 edition NELA's Australian Environmental Law Digest contains analyses on proposed amendments for the strategic planning and approvals processes under the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, a recent Federal Court's decision on validity for indigenous land use agreements, and more.

[Read more »](#)

Kiribati Australia Tuvalu exchange program

Pacific Calling Partnership's (PCP) fourth annual Kiribati Australia Tuvalu Exchange Program has begun. The two-week educational and advocacy program provides young Pacific Islander participants training in climate change advocacy and leadership. The four young Pacific Islanders involved this year will take home increased knowledge of the science of climate change and become empowered climate change leaders.

As part of the Program, the PCP is inviting those interested to two events, both at the Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Rd, Homebush West:

- Pacific Barbecue and Cultural celebration, Sunday 7 May 2017, 1.00pm - 4.00pm at
- Pacific Stories – Courageously Encountering God in Climate Change, Thursday 11 May 2017, 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

The Pacific Calling Partnership is also calling for donations of mobile smart phones in good working order to use in a media training session. If you have a spare or unused smart phone you can donate, please email Jill Finnane at jillf@erc.org.au or phone 8762 4200.

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Key roles at environment and planning agencies

A number of key positions are currently being advertised at NSW environment and planning agencies:

- Department of Planning and Environment: [Director, Strategy and Asset Management](#); [Planning Officer](#); and [Senior Policy Officer - Planning](#).
- Office of Environment and Heritage: [Manager Strategic Delivery](#); [Senior Project Officer \(Environmental Programs\)](#); and [Principal Climate & Atmospheric Scientist](#).
- Environment Protection Authority: [Legal Graduate](#); and [Senior Operations Officer](#).
- Planning Assessment Commission: [Team Leader](#).
- Western Sydney Parklands Trust: [Manager, Design and Strategy](#).

[More NSW environment positions »](#)

[From last week](#)

NELA National Conference 2017: Save the date

Today is the last day to submit abstracts and speaker suggestions for the 2017 National Environmental Law Association (NELA) national conference, which will be held in Brisbane on Friday 4 August 2017.

The conference theme is 'Addressing Past Harm, Managing Future Risks'. A list of suggested topics and details on how to make a submission can be found at the [NELA website](#).

When: Friday 4 August 2017

Where: King & Wood Mallesons, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane

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The Critical Atmosphere: CASANZ conference 2017

Early bird registrations are open for the Clean Air Society of Australia and New Zealand 2017 conference, to be held in Brisbane in October.

The conference will examine the effects of climate change on human health and wellbeing and our capacity to effectively control and regulate air pollution.

Early bird registrations close on Monday 3 July 2017.

When: Sunday 15 to Wednesday 18 October 2017

Where: Pullman Hotel, Brisbane

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International climate change reports: call for experts

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is calling for nominations for experts to participate in the development of two reports: *Special Report on Oceans and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate*; and *Climate Change and Land: an IPCC special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems*.

Experts will write, coordinate authors and undertake editorial reviewing.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3 May 2017.

[Read more »](#)

Australasian Emissions Reduction Summit

The program for the fourth Australasian Emissions Reduction Summit includes a wide variety of keynote presentations, plenary sessions, panel discussions and workshops.

The Summit aims to promote exchange, commercial interaction and peer-to-peer networking.

When: Tuesday 2 to Wednesday 3 May 2017.

Where: The MCG, Melbourne

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International Bar Association Conference Scholarship

The Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section of the International Bar Association is offering a scholarship to attend the 2017 IBA Annual Conference to be held in Sydney in October 2017.

The scholarship will be awarded to young lawyers who wish to participate in the conference, but who face financial difficulties in doing so.

Applications are open to all qualified lawyers age 35 and under. The deadline for applications is Sunday 7 May 2017.

[Read more »](#)

Safeguard our Crown Lands Community Forum

This community forum will provide participants with knowledge of the new legislation and the skills and motivation to improve the management of crown lands and to reduce the likelihood of their inappropriate disposal or conversion to freehold.

Our Outreach Director – Professional Programs Emily Ryan will be presenting on recent changes to Crown Lands legislation.

Tickets are \$45 (\$38 concession), and include morning and afternoon tea, and lunch.

When: Saturday 13 May 2017, 9am to 5:30pm

Where: Rahamim Ecology Centre, 34 Busby St, South Bathurst

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Support EDO NSW

Help plan for a sustainable future

The NSW Government is proposing significant changes to planning legislation. Our expert planning lawyers are reviewing the proposed changes and will advise the community on what these changes mean for you and the environment.

[Your donation](#) will help us reach as many people as possible with information on the changes that will decide the way we care for our precious natural areas.

[Please make a donation today.](#)

Other ways you can help us defend the environment

You can have an even greater impact by becoming a [Friend of the EDO](#). Our regular donors are an invaluable source of funding and help us ensure we are ready to respond when the community needs our help.

Visit [our website](#) for even more ways to support our work.

Environmental Defender

Read more about how your support can help protect the environment in the latest edition of our supporter newsletter, [Environmental Defender](#).

EDO NSW has been providing critical legal support to NSW communities for 30 years. We are the only legal centre in NSW specialising in public interest environmental issues.

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