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## EDO NSW EBULLETIN – 14 July 2017: Number 1014

The EDO NSW eBulletin is a free weekly bulletin that includes news, events, public notices and opportunities for public comment listed in our online resource [Have Your Say](#).

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## EDO NSW News and Events

### We're looking for a Solicitor to join our team

We are seeking qualified applicants for the role of Solicitor to work with our Litigation Team. This is an exciting opportunity to work in the field of public interest environmental law.

Applications close Monday 17 July at 10am.

[Read the position description and how to apply »](#)



*The EDO NSW legal team in 2016*

## **What does Solomon Islands' first protected environmental area have to do with EDO NSW?**

On a recent trip to Solomon Islands, our International Programs Coordinator BJ Kim was delighted to discover that EDO NSW played a part in Solomon Islands declaring its first ever protected area.

The Arnavon Community Marine Conservation Area, in the Arnavon Islands, is the biggest breeding ground in the South Pacific for critically endangered hawksbill turtles. Resources developed under our International Program were used by both the Arnavon community and the Solomon Islands Government to bring about this historic milestone in environmental protection in the Solomon Islands.

[Read more »](#)

## **Professional Development Training for Local Council Staff in a Changing Legal Landscape – Biosecurity, Biodiversity, Coastal Development, Crown Land**

[New biosecurity laws](#) commenced in NSW on 1 July 2017, and significant changes to laws regulating [biodiversity](#), [coastal development](#), and [Crown land](#) are expected to commence in the next 12 months. Navigating this changing legal landscape poses unique challenges for local council staff working for the benefit of their communities and the environment, particularly given the complexity of and interaction between these new legal frameworks.

As the acknowledged expert in public interest environmental law, EDO NSW is pleased to offer professional development for staff of local councils on environmental law. We can tailor a professional development program to suit your workplace, offer half and full day options, and can travel to you. We work with local councils and State Government departments across NSW to deliver targeted training to environmental decision-makers and enforcement officers. We offer competitive rates and unparalleled insight into the inner workings of environmental and planning laws.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss your training needs or to request a quote on your tailored program, or [visit our website](#) for more information.

## **Community Workshop in Lue – Mining and the law: What you need to know and how to have your say**

We'll be holding a free workshop in Lue explaining how the community can have their say about the proposed Bowdens Silver Project. The workshop will include information about:

- The legal process for the assessment of mining developments
- The requirements for environmental assessment of the project
- How the community can have a say through the development assessment process and Community Consultative Committee

Please bring a plate to share.

When: Tuesday 15 August 2017, 5:30-8pm

Where: Lue Public School, Swanston Street, Lue

[Read more and register »](#)

### **Biodiversity law update**

The public exhibition of the latest round of draft regulations and instruments for the NSW Government's biodiversity and land clearing laws has now concluded.

The new regime is due to commence on **Friday 25 August 2017**, despite there being certain components that have not been finalised.

We will continue to provide feedback on the aspects of the new regime that are still being developed, and we'll continue to work with communities concerned about the new laws.

Keep an eye on future eBulletins for updates on our ongoing biodiversity and native vegetation law reform and outreach work.

[Check out all our resources about the new laws »](#)

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### **Court and Compliance Watch**

#### **Company and director fined for unlicensed waste storage**

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has fined Alcon Disposals Pty Ltd \$30,000 and its director \$7,500 after the Wyong facility received and stored thousands of tonnes of waste without an environment protection licence.

[Read more »](#)

#### **Rubber Refinery fined for unlawful processing and storing of tyres**

The NSW EPA has fined D&N Rubber Refinery in Smithfield \$15,000 for unlawfully processing and storing waste tyres.

The EPA uncovered the problem through its WasteLocate online tracking tool. It found that the refinery manager was using a defunct company to log the waste tyre transfer on WasteLocate, but delivering the tyres to the Smithfield site, which did not hold the appropriate license to process the tyres.

[Read more »](#)

#### **Recycling centre fined for water pollution**

The NSW EPA has fined VIP Drum Reconditioners, Seven Hills, \$15,000 after an on-site spill caused caustic soda to spill into Toongabbie Creek.

Although the substance is was toxic to fish, the EPA did not find evidence of fish kills downstream.

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## **Law Reform and Policy Watch**

### **NSW Travelling Stock Reserves Review 2017**

The Travelling Stock Reserves (TSR) network is a unique public asset that connects rural economies, biodiversity and cultural heritage. In this submission, we make 13 key recommendations about how the management of NSW's TSRs can be improved.

We welcome the NSW Government's aim to improve the evidence base on Travelling Stock Reserves uses and values. In our view, the natural environment should be protected and enhanced for the 'ecosystem services' that the landscape provides to our culture, lives and livelihoods, and also for its intrinsic value.

[Read our submission »](#)

### **Review of Complying Development in Greenfield Areas**

The NSW government is proposing to allow complying development applications to be made for new dwellings in greenfield areas. Our submission identifies five key issues with using streamlined development assessment in greenfield areas:

- Potential inconsistencies between the policy and legislative objectives
- Environmentally sensitive areas
- Concerns with private certification
- Cumulative impacts and strategic planning
- Coordination with related SEPP and Code reforms

[Read our submission »](#)

### **Environmental assessments and approvals**

This submission responds to an inquiry by the Australian Senate Select Committee on Red Tape about the effect of environmental assessment and approval 'red tape' on the economy and community.

In our submission, we reinforce the public interest nature of environmental assessment, reiterate our arguments against the delegating of Federal Government responsibilities for matters of national environmental significance to states and territories, and refer the Committee to the EDOs of Australia's 10 best practice principles for environmental and planning laws.

[Read our submission »](#)

## Recent EDO submissions and reports

- [NSW Travelling Stock Reserves Review 2017](#), EDO NSW submission
- [Review of Complying Development in Greenfield Areas](#), EDO NSW submission
- [Environmental assessments and approvals](#), EDOs of Australia submission
- [Draft Marine Estate Management Regulation 2017](#), EDO NSW submission
- [NSW biodiversity and land management reforms draft regulations and products](#), EDO NSW submission
- [Australia's Climate Change Policy Review](#), EDOs of Australia submission
- [Inquiry into National Water Reform](#), EDOs of Australia submission
- [Inquiry into the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects as it relates to Commonwealth responsibilities](#), EDOs of Australia 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

- [Parramatta](#) – Reduction to the size and protection of South Parramatta Heritage Conservation Area, and increase of dwelling potential for an area to the north of Boundary Rd.
- [Woollahra](#) – Rezoning of land at Dunara Reserve, Point Piper from community to operational.
- [Hornsby](#) – Increase to building height and floor space ratio at Hornsby Town Centre East Precinct.
- [Campbelltown](#) – Rezoning of land at Eagleview Road/Goodsell Street from environmental living to low density residential and introduce a minimum lot size.

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.

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## 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

- **Extension: Impacts of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure**

The Australian Senate Environment and Communications References Committee is calling for public submissions on the current and future impacts of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure,

Submissions are now invited until Wednesday 16 August 2017.

[Read more and have your say »](#)

- **Pilliga Outwash Parks**

The Office of Environment & Heritage is seeking feedback on the Statement of Management Intent for the Pilliga Outwash Parks.

The statement outlines the main values, issues, management directions and priorities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service for managing Pilliga National Park, Pilliga State Conservation Area, Pilliga West National Park, Pilliga West State Conservation Area and Merriwindi State Conservation Area.

Submissions are invited until Monday 7 August 2017.

[Read more and have your say »](#)

- **Roads and transport consultations**
  - [Horsley Park](#) – Concept design and Environmental Investigation Report for proposed Horsley Drive Upgrade – Submissions invited until Friday 4 August 2017.

- [Glenmore Park](#) – Upgrade of the Northern Road between Mersey Road, Bringelly and Glenmore Parkway – Submissions invited until Wednesday 2 August 2017.

- **Threatened Species and Endangered Ecological Community Listings**

- *No new listings have been placed on exhibition since the last eBulletin.*

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**

- *No new assessments have been placed on exhibition since the last eBulletin.*

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**

- [Sydney Olympic Park](#) – Construction of open water surf sports lagoon facility – Submissions invited until Friday 25 August 2017.
- [Newcastle](#) – Construction of residential units and car parking spaces – Submissions invited until Monday 21 August 2017.
- [Hamlyn Terrace](#) – Developer monetary contribution, Warnervale Rd – Submissions invited until Friday 4 August 2017.
- [Warnervale](#) – Planning agreement to subdivide land, Albert Warner Drive – Submissions invited until Thursday 3 August 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**

- [Cataby, WA](#) – Walysing 3D seismic survey – Submissions invited until Wednesday 26 July 2017.
- [Margaret River, WA](#) – Expansion of ovals and community facilities – Submissions invited until Tuesday 25 July 2017.
- [Victoria Point, QLD](#) – Residential development, Clay Gully Rd – Submissions invited until Monday 24 July 2017.

- [Oakdale, NSW](#) – Development of Oakdale West precinct into a regional warehousing and distribution hub – Submissions invited until Monday 24 July 2017.
- [Launceston, Tas](#) – Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme – Submissions invited until Friday 21 July 2017.
- [Neerabup, WA](#) – Extension of Pinjar Road, Banksia Grove to Flynn Drive – Submissions invited until Friday 21 July 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**

- *No new plans of management have been placed on exhibition since the last eBulletin.*

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](#).

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## **Community News**

New this week

### **Australian Environment Review July 2017**

The latest issue of the Australian Environment review (vol 32 no 4) has articles on Aboriginal heritage protection in Australia, the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing, lessons from the Sioux's Dakota access pipeline protest, and more.

[Read more »](#)

## Guarding the Galilee film night and Q&A

North Sydney Community Centre is hosting a community film night and Q&A on *Guarding the Galilee*, a new documentary on the Adani Carmichael coal mine in Queensland's Galilee basin.

The screening will be followed by a Q&A session with film Director and Producer Nell Schofield & environmentalist, writer and president of the Australian Conservation Foundation Geoff Cousins.

When: Friday 11 August 2017, 6:30-8:00pm

Where: North Sydney Community Centre, 220 Miller Street, North Sydney

[Read more »](#)

## Reminder: NELA National Conference – Friday 4 August

The theme for this year's National Environmental Law Association (NELA) National Conference is *Addressing Past Harm, Managing Future Risks*. The conference will explore the state of Australia's environment, how states are addressing past impacts, and innovative mechanisms being explored to avoid future harm. Examining mining rehabilitation, groundwater management, climate risk disclosure, sustainable business practices and much more, this is an event not to be missed.

When: Friday 4 August 2017

Where: King & Wood Mallesons, Waterfront Place, Eagle Street, Brisbane

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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: [Executive Director – Infrastructure and Delivery](#); [Team Leader Policy](#); [Senior Policy Officer](#); and [Principal Policy Officer](#).
- Office of Environment and Heritage: [Senior Team Leader – Climate Change Adaptation](#).
- NSW Environment Protection Authority: [Executive Officer Waste & Resource Recovery](#); [Manager – Regulatory Practice and Reform](#); and [Manager – Technical Assessments and Advice](#).

[More NSW environment positions »](#)

From last week

## Marine Campaigner

Australian Marine Conservation Society and the Nature Conservation Council of NSW are looking for looking for an energetic and experienced campaigner with a

diverse skillset to build on a campaign to secure a multiple-use marine park for the Sydney region.

The position is part time (three days per week) and is located at the Nature Conservation Council's office in Sydney. Applications close 9am on Monday 24 July 2017.

[Read more »](#)

### **Workshop on shared spaces in Greater Sydney**

The Greater Sydney Commission is holding a 'community challenge' workshop on how to maximise the effective use of shared spaces in Sydney, and how to open up private spaces for shared public uses.

The workshop aims to bring together big thinkers, experts, practitioners and passionate Sydneysiders to explore some of the big opportunities to grow and improve Greater Sydney.

The workshops will also be available online.

When: Saturday 22 July 2017

Where: Bicentennial Park

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### **Workshop on active transport in Greater Sydney**

The Greater Sydney Commission is holding a 'community challenge' workshop on how best to encourage walking and cycling for short trips to reduce congestion on public transport and help create a more liveable city.

The workshop aims to bring together big thinkers, experts, practitioners and passionate Sydneysiders to explore some of the big opportunities to grow and improve Greater Sydney.

The workshops will also be available online.

When: Saturday 29 July 2017

Where: Bicentennial Park

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### **2017 NSW Coastal Conference**

Registrations are now open for the 26th annual NSW Coastal Conference.

With the theme 'The Next Wave', conference sessions will focus on the new coastal management framework.

When: Wednesday 8 to Friday 10 November 2017

Where: Shoal Bay Country Club, Port Stephens

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## **Support EDO NSW**

### **Help us help community heroes**

Every day, our dynamic public interest environmental law experts help communities in Australia and across the Pacific protect our environment through law. Those communities need us, and we need you!

[Please make your end of financial year tax-deductible donation to our Environmental Defence Fund.](#)

### **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.

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