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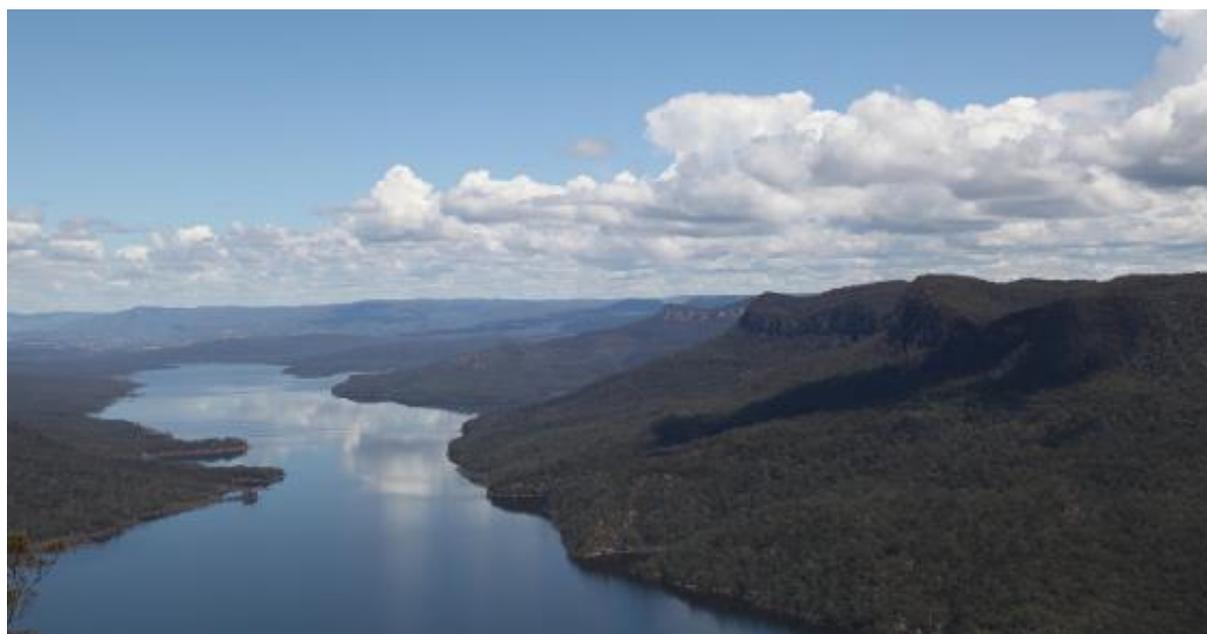
### EDO NSW EBULLETIN – 10 November 2017: Number 1031

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

#### EDO Insider – Protecting Sydney’s drinking water catchment



*The Nattai River, part of Sydney’s drinking water catchment.*

Join us for a lunchtime seminar in Sydney on Friday 1 December to find out more about this significant recent case.

In August 2017, the NSW Court of Appeal found in favour of 4nature in its landmark legal action to protect Sydney’s drinking water catchment from the impacts of Springvale coal mine. This was the first case to test 2009 laws introduced to protect Sydney’s drinking water catchment. However, special legislation passed by the NSW

Parliament in October 2017 retrospectively validated the mine approval and will change the way the 'neutral or beneficial' effect on water quality test is applied in future when applications to continue existing projects are considered.

Join members of the legal team who ran the case, Barrister Nicholas Kelly and EDO NSW Senior Solicitor Rana Koroglu, to find out more about how this case was won, the precedent value of the judgment and the effect of the special legislation.

[Find out more »](#)

*Congratulations to 4nature who recently won the Marie Byles Award for the most inspiring community action initiative in the [Nature Conservation Council's 2017 NSW Environment Awards](#).*

## Support our Environmental Defence Fund



*The Darling River at Wilcannia. Photo credit Ruby Davies.*

For years, the team here at EDO NSW has focused on water conservation across Australia – and the Murray-Darling Basin in particular. We provide [independent analysis of laws and regulations](#), [legal education to local communities](#) and we [pursue litigation](#) in the public interest.

In July, ABC Four Corners' *Pumped* exposed alleged illegal water harvesting in the Basin, featuring the work of EDO NSW. The subsequent media coverage prompted both the NSW and Federal Governments to order reviews of water use in the Basin. *Photo: The Barwon-Darling River, image courtesy ABC.*

When the responsible government agencies fail to take action to protect the environment, EDO NSW empowers affected communities to seek environmental justice under the law.

We need your help to ensure that the law is applied in order to protect our most precious natural resources.

[Please make a tax-deductible donation to our Environmental Defence Fund today >>](#)

[Read more about our work protecting water.](#)

## **Legal Administrator – EDO NSW**

We are looking for an experienced legal administrator to play a key role in ensuring the effective and efficient management of EDO NSW's advice and litigation files. This position is also a big part of the EDO NSW Administration Team, which provides the functions necessary to the general operations of the EDO and to supporting its staff, management and clients.

Applications close Monday 13 November.

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## **Law Reform and Policy Watch**

### **Protected Plant Sustainable Management Plans 2018-22**

EDO NSW's latest submission comments on proposed sustainable management plans for protected plants and asks that appropriate environmental assessment for licences is demonstrated under the new licensing provisions.

[Read more »](#)

## **Recent EDO submissions and reports**

- [Protected Plant Sustainable Management Plans 2018-22](#)
- [Inquiry into the Integrity of the Water Market in the Murray-Darling Basin – EDOs of Australia submission](#)
- [Draft Technical Notes supporting Guidelines for the Economic Assessment of Mining and Coal Seam Gas Proposals – EDO NSW submission](#)
- [Draft Crown Land Regulation 2017 – EDO NSW submission](#)
- [Draft management plans for Australian Marine Parks that are managed by Parks Australia – EDOs of Australia submission](#)
- [Submission on the Environmental Impact Assessment Improvement Project - Draft EIA Guidelines – EDO NSW submission](#)

Read all 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.*

## Gazette notices

- Googong Foreshores Cultural and Geodiversity Heritage Areas

This gives notice of the intention to include Googong Foreshores Cultural and Geodiversity Heritage Areas as part of the Commonwealth Heritage list. The Googong Foreshores Area was recognised for its important historic heritage value, promoting a wider understanding of Aboriginal culture and aesthetic characteristics.

[Read the Notice >>](#)

## Local Environmental Plan tracking

- *The LEP tracker is currently offline and will be back online on Monday 13 November.*

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

- **Draft SEPP (Environment)**

The Department of Planning and Environment has prepared a package of reforms to the planning framework. This consolidated SEPP proposes to simplify the planning rules for a number of water catchments, waterways, urban bushland and Willandra Lakes World Heritage Property. These policies will be accessible in one location. This follows a review of planning provisions in seven existing SEPPs.

Submissions are invited until Monday, 15 January 2018.

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- **Repeal of two operational SEPPs**

The Department of Planning and Environment is reviewing State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs). The Department proposes to repeal SEPP No. 1 - Development Standards and SEPP (Miscellaneous Consent Provisions) 2007 (MCP SEPP). The planning provisions contained in these two policies will be incorporated in local planning controls.

Submissions are invited until Friday, 22 December 2017.

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- **Review of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000**

This review follows proposed changes to the Regulation's parent Act, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). While the EP&A Act provides the overarching framework for the planning system in NSW, the Regulation supports the day-to-day requirements of this system.

Submissions are invited until Friday, 24 November 2017.

[Read more and have your say >>](#)

- **Draft Primary Production and Rural Development State Environmental Planning Policy and Planning Reforms**

The Department of Planning and Environment has undertaken a review of five existing SEPPs that address primary production and rural development.

Submissions are invited until Monday, 18 December 2017.

[Read more and have your say >>](#)

- **Consumer Protections: Alternative Energy**

The Department of Planning and Environment is seeking feedback on a discussion paper on consumer protection frameworks for energy customers.

Submissions are invited until Friday, 8 December 2017

[Read more and have your say >>](#)

- **Mallee Cliffs National Park**

The Office of Environment and Heritage is seeking feedback on Mallee Cliffs National Park Review of the reintroduction of 10 locally extinct mammals.

Submissions are invited until Saturday, 2 December 2017

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- **Community Engagement for Crown land**

The Department of Industry is seeking feedback on the draft Community Engagement Strategy for Crown land.

Submissions are invited until Sunday, 26 November 2017.

[Read more and have your say >>](#)

- **Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy**

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is seeking feedback on the draft NSW Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Strategy 2017-2021. This strategy has been developed to assist councils and waste industry participants to understand the expected increase in waste streams and to plan for sufficient infrastructure to process the projected volumes.

Submissions are invited until Monday, 20 November 2017.

[Read more and have your say >>](#)

- **The MASS Project**

The NSW Government is working with the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MASS) to build a museum in Western Sydney. There will be a range of opportunities across Western Sydney and Sydney CBD over the coming months to provide input into the vision for the new museum at Parramatta and the future for the Ultimo site.

[Read more and have your say >>](#)

- **Coolbaggie Nature Reserve**

National Parks and Wildlife Service is seeking public comments on the draft plan of management for Coolbaggie Nature Reserve.

Submissions are invited until Monday, 27 November 2017.

[Read more and have your say >>](#)

- **Crawney Pass National Park**

National Parks and Wildlife Service is seeking public comments on the draft plan of management for Crawney Pass National Park.

Submissions are invited until Monday, 20 November 2017.

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- **Hunter Sports & Entertainment Precinct**

Venues NSW is seeking feedback on the vision for the Hunter Sports & Entertainment Precinct.

Submissions are invited until Thursday, 30 November 2017.

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- **Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park**

The Office of Environment and Heritage and the National Parks and Wildlife Service invites input into planning for the future of Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.

Registration is invited until Friday, 8 December 2017.

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## **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](#).

## **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](#).

### Major Project proposals: Invitation to comment

- **Tahmoor** – The application seeks approval to modify the Tahmoor North Coal Mine consent (DA 67/98) to permit low levels of subsidence within an area where subsidence is currently not permitted to occur. Submissions are invited until Wednesday, 22 November 2017.
- **The Rocks** – The application seeks approval to upgrade the public entry to Penrhyn House and installation of a new lift service to improve disabled access. The EIS is currently on public exhibition. Submissions are invited until Friday, 1 December 2017.
- **Newcastle** – The application seeks to authorise the processing of tail gas at the Newcastle Gas Storage Facility Project; modify the construction and operation of a maintenance flare and other minor changes to infrastructure. Submissions are invited until Friday, 17 November 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

- **Robbins Island, NSW** - The proposed Robbins Island Renewable Energy Park is predominantly a wind energy project, with the potential for some supplemental solar photovoltaic (PV) generation. Submissions are invited until Wednesday, 22 November 2017.
- **North-east of Emerald, QLD** - The Gregory Solar Farm proposal would install a solar photovoltaic (solar PV) plant with an upper capacity of 215 MW supplying electricity to the national grid. Submissions are invited until Tuesday, 21 November 2017.
- **Mount Owen, NSW** - The proposed modifications will enable access to an additional 40 million tonnes (Mt) of run-of-mine coal from the North Pit allowing the extension of the approved mine life through to 2035 (an additional 4 years). Submissions are invited until Wednesday, 20 November 2017.
- **Grampians Peak Trail, Vic** - The 160km Grampians Peaks Trail (GPT) within Grampians National Park will entail the removal of approximately 14.4ha of native vegetation. Submissions are invited until Wednesday, 22 November 2017.
- **Yalyalup, WA** - Doral Mineral Sands Pty Ltd proposes to extract ore from the Yalyalup Mineral Sands Deposit located ~11km southeast of Busselton. Submissions are invited until Friday, 17 November 2017.
- **Gunn Point, NT** - This referral relates only to the Stage 1 Hatchery, which has the sole purpose of producing post-larval prawns for the Stage 1 Legune

Grow-out Facility, located at Legune Station over 800km from the proposed Project site. Submissions are invited until Wednesday, 15 November 2017.

- **King William Street, Adelaide, SA** – This referral relates to the demolition of remnant of the 1893 wing of the Adelaide General Post Office located in the north west corner of the site. Submissions are invited until Thursday, 16 November 2017.
- **Wanneroo, WA** - The City of Wanneroo is proposing to develop playing fields and associated infrastructure (eg. carparks, club room etc.) within the Butler North District Open Space. Submissions are invited until Thursday, 16 November 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](#).

### **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**

### **What does the future hold for western Sydney bushland?**

The NSW Department of Planning will spend the next 12 months developing a *Strategic Sustainability Plan* for 7 Western Sydney Local Government Areas, which will identify upfront which areas of bushland will be conserved and which will be developed.

Nari Sahukar, Senior Solicitor Law Reform and Policy at EDO NSW, will speak at this Total Environment Centre forum considering this plan.

When: Thursday 16 November 2017 6:30 – 8:30pm

Where: Western Sydney Leagues Club, 10 Old Leumeah Rd, Leumeah 2560

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## **Trees in the Shire – new clearing rules**

On 25 August this year, new laws came into effect for clearing trees and bushland in NSW, including the Greater Sydney area.

Join us to hear what these new laws mean for trees and bushland in Sydney's North and what you can do to help protect its special natural heritage. There will be a speaker from EDO NSW.

When: Thursday 23 November 2017 6:30 – 8:30pm

Where: Club on East, 7 E Parade, Sutherland 2232

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## **Public information sessions on proposed new system for managing and conserving Aboriginal cultural heritage**

Find out about the proposed new system for managing and conserving Aboriginal cultural heritage and provide feedback on the draft legislation by taking part in public information sessions, workshops and webinars.

When: November, December 2017

Where: Throughout the state.

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## **Renewable Energy Day**

Join one of two bus tours to visit renewable energy sites throughout the ACT and south east NSW region.

When: Saturday 25 November 2017 9am – 3:30pm

Where: ACT and southeast NSW

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## **A Spring Day in the Gardens of Stone**

A picnic to raise awareness of the Gardens of Stone reserve proposal.

When: Sunday 26 November 2017 11:00am - 2:30pm

Where: Top of the hill, State Mine Gully Rd, Newnes State Forest via Lithgow

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## **Wild Law: The Theory and Practice of Earth Jurisprudence**

A Summer School at Griffith University Law School.

When: Monday 27 November-Friday 1 December 2017

Where: Griffith University Nathan Campus, Brisbane

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## **Trees in Sydney's North – new clearing laws**

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Emily Ryan, Outreach Director Professional Programs EDO NSW will speak on the night.

When: Thursday 30 November 2017 6:30 – 8:30pm

Where: Cheltenham Recreation Club, 60-74 The Cres, Cheltenham 2119

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## **EDO Insider – Protecting Sydney's drinking water catchment**

Join members of the legal team who ran EDO NSW's [4nature vs Springvale mine](#) case, Barrister Nicholas Kelly and EDO NSW Senior Solicitor Rana Koroglu, to find out more about how the case was won, the precedent value of the judgment and the effect of the special legislation.

When: Friday 1 December 2017

Where: McCabes Lawyers, MLC Centre, 19 Martin Place, Sydney

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## **The Biosphere Question – Sydney Ideas**

Environmental historian and historical geographer Jason W Moore will challenge the theory and history offered by the most significant environmental concept of our times: the Anthropocene, literally the 'Age of Man'.

When: Thursday 7 December 2017 6:00 - 7:30pm

Where: Sydney Law School, University of Sydney

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### **Launch of the Women's Energy and Climate Law Network**

The Women's Energy and Climate Law Network (WECLN) is a new network of female academics and practitioners working in the field of climate and energy law. The WECLN launch event will combine discussion panels with eminent energy and climate law scholars, small group sessions, mentoring sessions on careers in climate and energy law and an opportunity to input into future directions for the network.

When: Friday 8 December 2017 9:30am – 4:30pm followed by dinner  
Where: Melbourne University Law School, Carlton, Melbourne

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### **Sustaining the Seas Conference: Fish, oceanic space and the politics of caring**

Registrations are now open for the Sustaining the Seas conference, hosted by the Sustainable Fish Lab.

When: Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 December 2017  
Where: University of Sydney

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### **Caring Better for the Seas – Sydney Ideas**

This panel of academics and NGOs will look at diverse practices and politics of caring – from caring for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Sea countries, campaigns on fish and fishing, to how surfers navigate the necessity of caring for the ocean with a desire to preserve secret surf spots.

When: Monday 11 December 2017 5:00 – 6:30pm  
Where: Foyer, Level 2 Sydney Law School, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney

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### **NELA Essay Competition**

The NELA Essay Competition is now open, seeking essays that address issues facing Australian environmental law from undergraduate and postgraduate students at Australian universities.

Essays can be submitted until 18 December 2017.

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### **Law Society of NSW Women's Mentoring Program 2018**

The Law Society is looking for mentees and mentors for the Women's Mentoring Program 2018.

The program connects women in the profession with experienced law practitioners and leaders to support, encourage and promote their career progression through a mutually beneficial mentoring relationship. Applications close 17 January 2018.

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### **Support EDO NSW**

#### **We need your help to keep defending our environment**

EDO NSW has been providing critical legal support to communities for over 30 years. We are the only legal centre in NSW specialising in public interest environmental issues. As a not-for-profit, non-government organisation, we rely on our donors to help fund our programs and services.

Your support is vital to ensuring that community groups and individuals across Australia and the South Pacific have access to environmental justice.

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