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## **EDO NSW EBULLETIN – 25 May 2018: Number 1057**

A free weekly bulletin that includes news, policy submissions and opportunities for public comment. These are also listed on our website in [Have Your Say](#).

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### **EDO NSW News**

#### **Welcome to our new-look bulletin**

As you'll notice, our ebulletin has a new look. It's been designed to streamline all the different types of news and information we bring you each week, while wrapping it in a more visually appealing template. We hope you like it and welcome your feedback.

**HOPEFULLY** blog piece by EMMA will be ready in time to go here

**EDO NSW position: Senior Solicitor - International Program**



This is an opportunity for a tenacious and ambitious litigator to work strategically with international and regional players to take on some of the biggest environmental issues facing our Pacific Island partners: illegal logging, deep sea bed mining and climate change.

Applications close on 11 June 2018.

[Find out more >>](#)

**Wuhan University Environmental Law Committee**



Our CEO David Morris was in China last week for the inaugural meeting of the International Advisory Board to establish the Wuhan University Environmental Law Committee at the Research Institute of Environmental Law at Wuhan University.

David is seen here receiving his certificate of appointment to the Board from Professor Ben Boer of Sydney University.

We'll bring you a more detailed report in a future bulletin.

### **Updated Privacy Policy**

We've updated the EDO NSW Privacy Policy.

[Please take a look at our updated policy here >>](#)

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## Court and Compliance Watch VOLUNTEER

### Sydney Water fined \$15,000 for discharge at Castle Hill

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has fined Sydney Water \$15,000 after 4.8 million litres of treated effluent was discharged from Castle Hill Sewage Treatment Plant into Cattai Creek in June 2017.

This discharge had a pH level low enough to be considered water pollution for the purposes of the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009*.

[Read more >>](#)

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## Law Reform and Policy Watch

### Recent EDO submissions and reports

- [Inquiry into the management and use of Commonwealth environmental water](#) – EDOs of Australia submission
- [NSW Water Reform Action Plan](#) – EDO NSW submission
- [Murray-Darling Basin Plan: 5 year assessment](#) – EDOs of Australia submission
- [Draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill 2018 \(NSW\)](#) – EDO NSW submission
- [Draft Revision of the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy](#) – EDOs of Australia submission
- [NSW Regional Forests Agreements \(Renewal\)](#) – EDO NSW submission
- [Ancillary rules for use of mine site ecological rehabilitation as an offset](#) – EDO NSW submission
- [Improving Mine Rehabilitation in NSW](#) – EDO NSW submission
- [NSW Regional Forests Agreements \(Review\)](#) – EDO NSW submission

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

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## Have Your Say – Opportunities to Comment

The eBulletin gives 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](#).

Our online resource [also helps the community to effectively engage](#) with decision-makers and [request a workshop](#) for your community.

### Consultations

- **Woolgoolga to Ballina Directional Signage**

The draft signage plan provides information about proposed locations for signs along the highway and which towns will appear on the signs.

Submissions are open until 15 June 2018.

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

- **Inquiry into the Provisions of the Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 (NSW)**

The NSW Parliament Standing Committee on State Development is inquiring into the provisions of the *Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill 2018*.

Submissions are open until Wednesday 30 May.

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

### **Local Environmental Plan tracking**

- **Hornsby**: Amend Hornsby LEP to permit residential flats and increase the height for buildings on the Hornsby RSL Club site.
- **Marrickville**: Amend Marrickville LEP to rezone sites in Mary, Edith and Roberts Streetss from R2 Low Density residential and IN2 Light Industrial to B4 mixed use.
- **Woollahra**: Amend Woollahra LEP 2014 to rezone property at Old South Head Road, Vaucluse from R2 Low Density Residential to R3 Medium Density Residential and amend the development standards (67 dwellings).
- **Fairfield**: Amend the Fairfield LEP 2013 to rezone land at 6 precincts in Fairfield, Fairfield Heights, Fairfield East and Villawood to increase residential density. The proposal also seeks to amend height of buildings, floor space ratio and land reservation acquisition maps.
- **Clarence Valley**: Amend the provisions of Clarence Valley LEP 2011 that relate to Lots in Bridge Street, Glenreagh. The proposal intends to rezone the land from RU2 Rural Landscape to R2 Low Density Residential, apply a 9 metre maximum building height and remove the 40 hectare minimum lot size control.
- **Ku-ring-gai**: Amend Ku-ring-gai LEP 2015 for removal of 4 'erroneous' heritage items.

To access the LEP tracking system, visit the Department of Planning and Environment [website](#), go to *Current Proposals* and search for 'On Exhibition'. 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.

### **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 listed 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**

- [Cranbrook School, Bellevue Hill](#) – Redevelopment of the northern half of the site and construction of additional educational floor space.
- [Pitt Town, Hawkesbury](#) – Developer to make monetary contribution for purposes of provision of designated State public infrastructure.
- [Hamlyn Terrace, Central Coast](#) – Developer to make monetary contribution for the purposes of the provision of designated State public infrastructure.
- [Darlington Point](#) – Development of a 275 MW solar farm and ancillary infrastructure including 100MWh battery energy storage system.
- [Mulgrave](#) – Amendment and deletion of conditions of project application.
- [Mulgrave](#) – Modification of concept plan to enable completion of bale storage area, retention of a corridor of planted trees etc.
- [Penrith Lakes](#) – MOD 8: Importation of an additional 300,000 tonnes of Virgin Excavated Natural Material to the Penrith Lakes Scheme site.
- [Penrith Lakes](#) – MOD 7: Importation of an additional 300,000 tonnes of Virgin Excavated Natural Material to the Penrith Lakes Scheme site
- [Penrith Lakes](#) – MOD 12: Importation of an additional 300,000 tonnes of Virgin Excavated Natural Material to the Penrith Lakes Scheme site
- [Sydney University, Darlington](#) – Alterations and additions to Darlington Road Terraces and Darlington House to provide a mix of university related.
- [Fitzpatrick Industrial Estate, Erskine Park](#) – Development contributions in connection with the Proposed Development
- [The Rocks \(Circular Quay\)](#) – Amendments to Campbells Store architectural drawings.

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

- [Storm Bay, Tas](#): Farm Atlantic Salmon at a new farming zone of approximately 863ha containing four leases of approximately 90ha each.
- [Kembla Grange, NSW](#): DA prepared for proposed development of Lot at Reddalls Road requiring removal of 3.82ha of vegetation.
- [Treeby, NSW](#): Lot 131 Jandakot Road is proposed to be partially developed for residential purposes. The site is approximately 65ha.

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 VOLUNTEER

- *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](#). [Common Ground](#) is the NSW Government's online tool to help you find information about current exploration and mining activity in your area. 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

### Volunteer Librarian /Archivist

The Pacific Calling Partnership team of the Edmund Rice Centre is seeking a Librarian/Archivist to assist in the safe keeping of records and historically valuable documents.

This is a part time volunteer position with flexible working days and times. If you would like to join a small dynamic team working in this exciting area, please submit a brief CV together with a covering letter by 15 June 2018 to Jill Finnane, Program Coordinator PCP at [jillf@erc.org.au](mailto:jillf@erc.org.au)

### An afternoon with Centre for Air Pollution, Energy and Health Research

Interested in how air pollution and new forms of energy affect our health? Want to have input into CAR research?

When: Wednesday 13 June 2pm – 5pm

Where: Level 5, Woolcock Institute of Medical Research, Glebe

[Find out more >>](#)

### Narratives of Climate Change Symposium

This will be an interdisciplinary collaboration inspired by the possibility that the gap between scientific knowledge and effective political, legal and social action can be bridged by alternative forms of narrative, including fiction, social and other media, performances of all types, visionary planning and innovative litigation.

When: Thursday 5 – Friday 6 July 2018

Where: Newcastle Law School, 409 Hunter St, Newcastle

[Read more »](#)

### **Just Futures – National Community Legal Centres conference**

Explore and develop a shared vision for the community legal sector, the justice system and our communities beyond 2020.

When: Tuesday 28 – Thursday 30 August 2018

Where: SMC Conference and Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney

[Find out more >>](#)

### **Professional Obligations in an Age of Climate Change**

Is it possible to be an ethical professional while also providing advice that supports fossil fuel companies? How are professional standards and codes of ethics shifting in response to the catastrophic threat posed by climate change? How have certain professionals been implicated in perpetuating and legitimising environmentally destructive acts?

This outstanding panel convened by the Sydney Environment Institute will consider these and other profound questions facing all professionals in the age of global warming.

When: Monday 24 September 2018

Where: Law School Foyer, Sydney University

[Find out more >>](#)

**21<sup>st</sup> International River symposium** - [Sydney 14-18 October](#)

**LAWASIA conference** - [Cambodia 2-5 November](#)

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## **Support EDO NSW**

**Help us defend communities on the frontline**



Right now, we are preparing two new climate litigation cases for community groups in Gloucester and on the Central Coast as they defend their land, water, farms, towns and wild places against mine projects that will not only have serious social and environmental impacts locally, but also contribute to dangerous climate change.

[Make a tax-deductible donation to help EDO get the best outcomes for the communities we serve >>](#)

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