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EDO NSW EBULLETIN – 1 June 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

The political endorsement of extinction



While our recent case for HSI on the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Policy was a heartening win for transparency, the 60 released documents were a depressing read.

[Read Law Reform and Policy Director Rachel Walmsley's blog post >>](#)

EDO NSW position: Senior Solicitor - International Program



We have 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 >>](#)

Water Amendment Bill 2018



EDO NSW has prepared a briefing note and key issues summary on the Water Amendment Bill 2018, which was tabled in the Australian House of Representatives on 10 May 2018, primarily to facilitate the re-tabling of the Basin Plan Amendment Instrument 2017.

[Download the briefing note and summary >>](#)

EDO NSW in the news

- [Murray-Darling: State plan to give irrigators water 'free for all' could threaten wetlands](#)

- [Gloucester meeting on Rocky Hill appeal](#)

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 mining 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 >>](#)

Court and Compliance Watch

AGL fined \$15,000 for slurry overflow

The EPA has fined AGL Macquarie Pty Ltd \$15,000 after slurry overflowed from ash dam infrastructure at the Liddell Power Station in March 2018.

A mixture of water and fly-ash overflowed across an internal road and down an embankment into a vegetated area that contains Central Hunter Box – Ironbark Woodland, classed as an Endangered Ecological Community in NSW.

[Read more >>](#)

Biocoal Group fined \$30,000 for non-compliance

The EPA has issued two fines to Biocoal for contravening their environment protection licence and for inappropriate storage of waste.

An inspection in January 2018 revealed the stockpiling of residual glass fragments outside the rear of the facility, as well as additional properties being used unlawfully as waste storage facilities.

[Read more >>](#)

Shoalhaven Starches fined \$15,000 for polluting incident

The EPA has fined Shoalhaven starches for discharging a diluted starch material into Abernathy's Creek. The leak was caused by a partial loss of power to an electrical control system which resulted in the overflow from the site's internal drainage system into a nearby stormwater drain.

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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](#).

Local Environmental Plan tracking

- The Department of Planning and Environment's LEP tracking system appears to be having issues and is not currently reliable. Usually, we would suggest visiting that [website](#), going to *Current Proposals* and searching for 'On Exhibition'. Currently, we suggest visiting your [local council's website](#) to see if there are any planning proposals or LEP changes open for public comment. Read more about LEPs in our [Fact Sheets](#).

Have Your Say – Opportunities to Comment

The eBulletin contains 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 you can also [request a workshop](#) for your community.

Consultations

- **GreenWay Master Plan**

The GreenWay is a 5.8km corridor linking Iron Cove at Leichhardt/Lilyfield with the Cooks River at Earlwood via Dulwich Hill, Lewisham, Summer Hill and Haberfield. This draft plan seeks to complete the Greenway missing links.

Comments close on 24 June 2018.

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

Threatened Species and Endangered Ecological Community Listings

- [*Vombatus ursinus ursinus*](#) (Common Wombat (Bass Strait)) – submissions invited until 13 July 2018
- [*Notamacropus eugenii eugenii*](#) (Tamar Wallaby (South Australia)) – submissions invited until 13 July 2018
- [*Melomys rubicola*](#) (Bramble Cay Melomys) – submissions invited until 13 July 2018
- [*Zyzomys palatalis*](#) (Carpentarian Rock-rat) – submissions invited until 13 July 2018
- [*Bruquiera hainesii*](#) (Haines's Orange Mangrove) – submissions invited until 13 July 2018
- [*Oberonia attenuata*](#) (Mossman Fairy Orchid) – submissions invited until 13 July 2018

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

- [Goonoowigall State Conservation Area, Barayamal National Park and Nullamanna National Park Draft Plan of Management](#) – This Draft Plan is available for review and comment until Monday 27 August 2018.

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

- [Melaleuca](#) – Alterations and additions to an existing building in Thredbo.
- [Angus Place Mine](#) – Proposed modification to the Angus Place Colliery involving water treatment and discharge.
- [Victoria Cross Station](#) – Commercial development above the Victoria Cross Metro Station at North Sydney.

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

- [Kakadu National Park NT](#): Proposed amendments to Gimbat Road and surrounds, involving clearing of up to 2.7ha where three threatened plant species may occur.
- [Cockburn WA](#): Proposed clearing of approximately 1ha of black cockatoo foraging area.
- [Murdoch WA](#): Proposed development of the South Metropolitan Crop Research Hub. The project area occupies approximately 3.4ha, of which 0.4ha comprises native vegetation.
- [Coomera QLD](#): Proposed clearing of wildlife habitat of 1.5 hectares.

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](#). [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](#).

Community News

Scholar talk: Assoc. Prof Lee Stickells on Bodhi Farm – [State Library 5 June](#)

2018 Whitlam Oration, Bret Walker SC – [Parramatta 5 June](#)

**2018 Kevin McCann Energy and Resources Lecture, Prof Tina Hunter
Aberdeen University – [Sydney, 7 June](#)**

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

An afternoon with the 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 July – Friday 6 July 2018

Where: Newcastle Law School, 409 Hunter St, Newcastle

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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 August – 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

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21st International River symposium - [Sydney 14-18 October](#)

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

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

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