

## **e-Bulletin**

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#### ***The environment's legal team since 1992 - protecting the public interest - evening the odds***

The EDO is an independent community legal centre specialising in public interest environmental law. We provide legal advice and assistance, engage in law reform and participate in legal education activities for the South Australian community.

**If you are seeking advice on any environmental or planning issue please visit our website <http://www.edosa.org.au/> or email [edosa@edo.org.au](mailto:edosa@edo.org.au)**

The EDO has been busy since the last ebulletin dealing with a number of ongoing issues including responding with other conservation organisations to the recommendations just released as to how SA's mining laws will change. For further information please see the article below.

**Our services are only possible with the support of the South Australian community. The need for community support to keep the EDO's services going is stronger than ever. Your donation will enable us to continue our fight to defend the environment using the law. Please consider a tax deductible donation - all amounts over \$2 are tax deductible.**

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**South Australia**

### **[EDO Annual General Meeting – advance notice](#)**

EDO(SA) will be holding its Annual General Meeting in October. Guest Speaker will be Professor Norman Etherington, President of the SA National Trust, who will speak about the legal and policy challenges involved in protecting our unique and precious built heritage.

**When:** Monday, **23 October 2017**, 6:15pm for a 6.30pm start.

**Where:** **Flinders University City Campus:** Room 2, Level 1, 182 Victoria Square (cnr Flinders St), Adelaide

Drinks and nibbles provided. All welcome but only members can vote. If you are interested in nominating for the Management Committee please email Gabrielle Bond, EDO Administrator on [edo@edosa.org.au](mailto:edo@edosa.org.au).

## [SA National Trust – Local Heritage Town Hall Meeting](#)

The event is the Launch of the Community Consultation on Local Heritage Report by the National Trust of South Australia. All welcome.

**When:** Wednesday **4 October 2017** at 5pm

**Where:** The venue is the Meeting Hall at the **Adelaide Town Hall**.  
[http://www.adelaidetownhall.com.au/assets/PDFs/418269\\_ATH\\_Meeting\\_Hall\\_Floor\\_plan\\_location\\_Map.pdf](http://www.adelaidetownhall.com.au/assets/PDFs/418269_ATH_Meeting_Hall_Floor_plan_location_Map.pdf)

## [Lessons from the SA Nuclear Fuel Cycle Citizens' Jury](#)

The newDemocracy Foundation have released their report on the functioning of the South Australia Nuclear Fuel Cycle Engagement Jury. The foundation had oversight of the citizens' jury, which ran in 2016. The jury ultimately rejected plans for an expanded nuclear industry in South Australia. The report looked at what worked well, what didn't work, and what might be areas of improvement for taking citizens' juries into the future.

A copy of the report can be found at the above headline link.

## **Commonwealth**

### [Blueprint for the Next Generation of Environmental Laws](#)

After nearly 3 years of robust discussion and copious detail in technical discussion papers, the Australian Panel of Experts in Environmental Law (APEEL) has produced a final Blueprint for a next generation of national environmental laws.

*Australia faces unprecedented environmental challenges. Australia's key environmental indicators continue to decline. Some of the persistent problems include a decline in biodiversity, degradation of productive rural land, intensification of development along coastlines and in sprawling cities, and the emerging impacts of climate change. These problems are in addition to the past damage that needs to be repaired.*

*Given the need to address systematically, effectively and creatively Australia's ecological challenges, it is time to consider the need for more effective environmental laws. APEEL has developed a blueprint for the next generation of Australian environmental laws with the aim of ensuring a healthy, functioning and resilient environment for generations to come. APEEL's Blueprint is the culmination of several years' work and builds on the Panel's earlier Technical Paper series.*

The Blueprint can be downloaded by following the headline link above.

## NOTICES AND INQUIRIES

### South Australia

#### [EPA – Consultation on Mass Balance Reporting for Licensed Waste Facilities](#)

The EPA is proposing to introduce a mass balance reporting system for licensed waste facilities including transfer stations, resource recovery facilities and waste disposal depots which receive 5,000 tonnes or more of waste per annum. These facilities will need to report on the monthly tonnages of materials that the site receives, stockpiles, uses onsite or transfers from the site for sale or disposal. The proposal also sets out associated record-keeping, weighbridge, video monitoring and site survey requirements.

An Explanatory Paper is available at the above link.

Submissions are due by **31 October 2017**.

#### [Regular SA Government Consultations](#)

Below are links to a number of SA Government agencies and bodies who undertake regular environmental audits or assessments open for public consultation. Whilst there are too many such consultations for us to list them all fully in the e-Bulletin, the links are included here as they may nevertheless be of interest to readers. The e-Bulletin will publish consultations in these categories where we deem them to be of wide public importance.

[Current Crown Developments and 'Category 3' Developments before the DAC](#)

[Current Ministerial Development Plan Amendments](#)

[Current YourSAy consultations](#)

[Current EPA license applications](#)

[Current DSD mining proposals](#)

[Current DSD petroleum proposals](#)

## Commonwealth

### [Productivity Commission consultation – National water reform – draft report released](#)

In February this year the Productivity Commission was tasked by the Federal Treasurer to undertake an inquiry into the reform of Australia's water resources sector. The inquiry is to assess progress in achieving the objectives and outcomes of the National Water Initiative (NWI) and the need for any future reform.

A Draft Report has now been released by the Commission, and is available at the above link for public consultation. A final report is expected by the Federal Government before the end of the year.

Submissions are due by **19 October 2017**.

### [Commonwealth Water - Investing in Environmental Activities: Discussion Paper](#)

Recent changes to section 106 of the *Water Act 2007* have increased the flexibility for the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (the 'CEWH') to sell water allocations if the proceeds are used for water acquisitions or environmental activities. Under the legislation, the CEWH can only invest in environmental activities that will improve environmental outcomes, and are undertaken for the purpose of protecting and restoring environmental assets in the Murray-Darling Basin.

The CEWH has released a Discussion Paper - Development of a Framework for Investing in Environmental Activities (Discussion Paper) and is seeking feedback on what type of environmental activities the community would like to be considered when developing a framework for future investments. The Discussion Paper provides background on the guiding environmental priorities and legislative scope limitations for future investments as well as a set of discussion questions to consider. The Discussion Paper is available at the above link.

Submissions are due by **30 November 2017**.

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### [Department of Environment Public Notices and Invitations to Comment](#)

## **PREVIOUS NOTICES: REMINDERS**

### [Senate Inquiry – The integrity of the Murray-Darling Basin water market](#)

- Submissions due by **28 September 2017**.

### [Review of the Emissions Reduction Fund](#)

- Submissions due by **29 September 2017**.

### [Senate Inquiry – The influence of political donations](#)

- Submissions due by **9 October 2017**.

### [SA Planning – Consultation on a draft Community Engagement Charter](#)

- Submissions due by **9 October 2017**.

### [Senate Inquiry – Waste and Recycling](#)

- Submissions due by **20 October 2017**.

## **[EDOs of Australia Recent Submissions](#)**

EDOs of Australia has recently released the following completed submissions, which are available for download:

[Submission on draft management plans for Australian Marine Parks that are managed by Parks Australia](#)