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South Australia

[EDO Christmas Picnic – Sunday, 10th of December](#)

The EDO(SA) Christmas picnic will be held this year on Sunday, the 10th December 2017 at Heywood Park from 12 noon onwards – look out for the EDO banner!

Please mark the date in your diary, and bring family and friends. It is a beautiful park, with barbecues, playground, shady trees, tables, toilets and open space for a petanque tournament. Bring a plate to share, chairs and drinks for a relaxing afternoon before the Christmas rush seriously gets underway.

WHEN: Sunday, **10 December 2017**, 12 noon onwards.

WHERE: [Heywood Park](#), Northgate St, Unley Park

[Call for an admin volunteer at the EDO](#)

If you have some time to spare on a regular basis to help out with routine office work (half to one day per week) we would love to hear from you. Ideally, a retired legal secretary, or departmental clerk who wants to help out would be particularly appreciated. Tasks would include:

- maintenance of client, member and supporter data bases

- data entry and file management
- website maintenance
- basic office duties eg answering phone calls, recording incoming and outgoing mail
- helping to research grant and sponsorship opportunities
- helping to organise events

If you are interested and would like to find out more please email the EDO solicitor Melissa Ballantyne melissa.ballantyne@edo.org.au and include a short description of relevant experience.

EDO Christmas Closure Dates

Our office at the Flinders University City Campus will be closed during the holiday period from **5pm Thursday 21 December**. We will reopen on **Tuesday 16 January**.

NOTICES AND INQUIRIES

South Australia

Feral Pigs – policy draft consultation

Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) is reviewing declared animal policies under the *Natural Resources Management (NRM) Act 2004*. A consultation is now underway on the *Draft declared animal policy on feral pigs* to provide strategies to control and reduce feral pig populations across South Australia.

The objectives of the draft policy are to:

- Reduce numbers of feral pigs by removing at least 60 per cent of feral pigs from all established populations each year
- Prevent domestic pigs from escaping into the wild.
- Prevent the release of domestic and feral pigs.

A copy of the draft policy is available by following the above link.

Submissions are due by **7 January 2018**.

[Feral Deer – policy draft consultation](#)

A further PIRSA consultation is now underway on the *Draft declared animal policy on feral deer*, to provide strategies to control and reduce feral deer populations across South Australia.

The objectives of the draft policy are to:

- Reduce numbers of feral deer by removing at least 40 per cent of female feral deer from all subpopulations each year.
- Ensure boundary fences of deer farms meet appropriate construction and maintenance standards.
- Prevent the release of deer.

A copy of the draft policy is available by following the above link.

Submissions are due by **7 January 2018**.

[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

[NOPSEMA begins consultation on first environmental reference case](#)

The National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) has published for public comment the first environmental reference case - covering the management of sewage, grey-water and putrescible wastes from offshore petroleum activities.

NOPSEMA says that environmental reference cases capture common environment plan content and typical environmental management practices in offshore petroleum activities. Their Reference Case Project aims to develop a suite of publicly available reference cases that the offshore oil and gas industry can use in the development of environment plans for proposed activities in offshore areas such as the Great Australian Bight and the North West Shelf.

The first four reference cases are being developed in conjunction with National Energy Resources Australia (NERA). Further reference cases are being developed in conjunction with a variety of partners including federal and state agencies, conservation and fisheries groups, community organisations and industry.

NOPSEMA believes that the application of reference cases has the potential to reduce the size and complexity of environment plans resulting in a faster development process, more time to focus on key issues, reduced consultation burden on industry and stakeholders, reduced assessment timeframes and improved public access to information.

The first reference case is available for public comment from the above link.

Submissions are due by **2 December 2017**.

[EPBC Act referral – Adelaide GPO – demolition of the 1893 northwest wing remnant](#)

The Commonwealth Environment Minister has received a referral made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* from Built Holdings Pty Ltd in regard to a proposal to demolish a remnant of the 1893 wing of the Adelaide General Post Office (GPO) in the Adelaide CBD.

The site has seen a number of developments since the original construction was completed in 1872. The 1893 wing was an extension of the original building in the northwest of the site. That extension was itself truncated by later construction built over a large portion of it. There remains a remnant of the 1893 wing which is now the subject of this referral.

The referral was required as the project is to take place on Commonwealth land, and is expected to have an impact upon that land. The eastern half of the GPO is listed on the Commonwealth Heritage List (CHL), and also on the South Australian Heritage Register

(SAHR). The SAHR also lists "[the remaining 1893 extensions](#)" as being included, although, curiously, the subject building is missing from the map of the same database. DEWNR has noted this inconsistency and conceded that in such a case of conflict it is assumed the written version is correct, and thus "...the subject remnant is included on the SAHR".

Submissions are due by **16 November 2017**.

[EPBC Act assessment – Marino Land Division](#)

The Commonwealth Environment Minister has determined that a proposal by Folkstone Pty Ltd to develop 18 residential allotments located on the proposed Lot 100 Trumara Road, in Marino, South Australia, constitutes a 'controlled action' under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1993* (EPBC Act). This will now require formal Commonwealth approval. The Minister has further determined that the type of environmental assessment will be by *preliminary documentation*. Preliminary documentation is a less onerous form of assessment, requiring only the original referral form prepared by the proponent as well as any other relevant material identified by the Minister as being necessary to adequately assess the proposed action.

The location of the proposed land division is approximately 18km south west of Adelaide. The action area comprises 1.64 ha of the 10.4 ha Trumara Road landholding, and would require the clearing of approximately 1.39 ha of native and exotic vegetation. Notably, 1.22 ha of this clearing will be of the listed threatened ecological community *Iron-grass Temperate Grassland*. The original referral also identified 42 listed threatened species, and 34 listed migratory species which have the potential to be present within the vicinity of the project.

Public comment will be possible once the preliminary documents have been made available by the proponent.

[Regular Commonwealth Government Consultations](#)

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[EPBC Act Public Notices and Invitations to Comment](#)

[Department of the Environment and Energy - Public Consultation Notice Board](#)

PREVIOUS NOTICES: REMINDERS

[Consultation on proposed changes to the River Murray Salinity Zoning Policy](#)

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

[No More Bad Investments – Public Forum – Act One for a Safe Climate](#)

- The forum will take place on **23 November 2017**.

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

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

[SA Planning - Community Engagement Charter – Consultation Stage 2 opens](#)

- Submissions due by **8 December 2017**.

[Senate Inquiry – Water use by the extractive industry](#)

- Submissions due by **15 December 2017**.