

e-Bulletin

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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

Our services are only possible with the support of the South Australian community. 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

[Don't miss the 2018 EDOSA Winter Dinner!](#)

A delicious meal, good company, after dinner speaker and art auction all in aid of the Environmental Defenders Office (SA).

Complimentary drink on arrival, 2 course entrée platter and choice of main courses. Bookings individually or for tables of up to 6, all in a private room.

WHEN: Thursday, **July 26th 2018**, 6.30pm for seating at 7.00pm

WHERE: At the historic Caledonian Hotel, 219 O'Connell Street, North Adelaide.

COST: \$60 per person

BOOK: [HERE](#) or phone: (08) 8359 2222 (please leave a message, we will call back)

[Planning reforms drop-in sessions](#)

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure will be holding Open House Drop-in sessions to provide clarification and information on the development and implementation of the Planning Reforms brought about by the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016.

The drop-in sessions will take place in the ground floor meeting room on 50 Flinders Street, Adelaide on the following dates:

- 8 June 2018 from 10:00am-1:00pm with Alex Mackenzie, Unit Manager, Planning Reform Implementation
- 13 July 2018 from 10:00am- 1:00pm with Anita Allen, Manager, Planning Reform
- 3 August 2018 from 10:00am-1:00pm with Cecilia Pascale, Unit Manager, Governance and Regulations

To register, please email DPTI.PlanningEngagement@sa.gov.au with your preferred date.

[Call for volunteers – EDO at the Environment Fair](#)

The EDO will be at this year's Environment Fair which will take place on Sat & Sun, 2-3 June at the Adelaide Showground.

We need volunteers to help with our stall - if you can spare a couple of hours please call 8359 2222, leave your details and availability and we will call you back.

For more information on the Fair : <http://worldenvironmentfair.org.au/>

Commonwealth

[2018 Offshore Petroleum Exploration Acreage Release](#)

The Australian Government states that its annual Offshore Petroleum Exploration Acreage Release (acreage release) is a key part of its strategy to promote petroleum exploration in Australia's offshore waters. It says that all release areas have been nominated by industry, assessed and considered by government, publically consulted, and selected to offer the petroleum exploration industry a variety of investment opportunities. They are available for either work program or cash bidding.

The 2018 acreage release comprises 21 areas located across six sedimentary basins in Commonwealth waters offshore of Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and the Ashmore and Cartier Islands. Of particular concern to South Australia is a release area in the Bight Basin, designated S18-1. It is located in the Ceduna Sub-basin. The closing date for all work program bids for S18-1 will be Thursday 21 March 2019.

Another concerning release is located in the Otway Basin of Victoria, adjacent to the South Australian border. Designated V18-1, V18-2 and V18-3 these areas will be released either for work program bidding or cash bidding. The closing dates for bidding will occur at various times in October 2018.

More information is available at the above headline link.

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South Australia

[Summary framework for the State Public Health Plan 2019-2024](#)

The South Australian Government is seeking public feedback to help shape the development of the second State Public Health Plan, which will set the direction for public health and wellbeing in South Australia over the next five years.

The scope of the *South Australian Public Health Act 2011* (the Act) reflects public health in its broadest sense, covering the foundational role of public health in protecting against environmental hazards and preventing communicable disease and also extending to the promotion of healthy environments and lifestyles to address chronic conditions. The Act recognises that many factors impact on the health of communities including the social, economic and physical environment as well as individual characteristics and behaviours.

A draft version of the Public Health Plan has been devised and is now available for download from the above link.

Submissions are due by **15 June 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 SCAP](#)

[Current Ministerial Development Plan Amendments](#)

[Current YourSAy consultations](#)

[Current EPA license applications](#)

[Current DSD mining proposals](#)

[Current DSD petroleum proposals](#)

Commonwealth

[Carbon Farming Initiative – Landfill Gas Review](#)

The Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee (ERAC) is a statutory committee established under the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011* (the Act). The ERAC advises the Minister for the Environment and Energy on the environmental integrity, efficiency and operability of Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) methods. One of the ERAC's statutory functions is to undertake periodic reviews of methods to ensure they continue to comply with the Act's offsets integrity standards.

The Committee is currently undertaking a periodic review of the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative—Landfill Gas) Methodology Determination 2015 (Landfill Gas method) under section 255 of the Act. As part of the public consultation for this review, the Committee is inviting submissions from stakeholders on the operation of the method and its compliance with the six offsets integrity standards set out in section 133(1) of the Act.

Submissions are due by **19 June 2018**.

Regular Commonwealth Government Consultations

Below are links to Federal Government agencies and bodies who undertake environmental audits/assessments that may be open for public consultation. Whilst there are too many such consultations for us to list them all 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.

EPBC Act Public Notices and Invitations to Comment

Department of the Environment and Energy - Public Consultation Notice Board

PREVIOUS NOTICES: REMINDERS

[Review of National Gene Technology Scheme – Preliminary Report consultation](#)

- Submissions are due by **24 May 2018**.

[Consultation on proposed fracking in the Arckaringa Basin](#)

- Submissions are due by **4 June 2018**.

[EPBC Act “Targeted Review”](#)

- Submissions are due by **15 June 2018**.

[Review of the *Product Stewardship Act 2011*](#)

- Submissions are due by **29 June 2018**.