

**Friends of  
the Earth  
Australia**

Annual Report 2010-2011



Friends of the Earth Australia is a national federation of local groups working together for an environmentally sustainable and socially just future. We are the Australian member of Friends of the Earth International, which is the largest grassroots environmental network on the planet.



## Our Vision

Our vision is of a world where everyone's needs are met in a way that protects and upholds human rights while safeguarding the future of our natural environment.

We campaign for a world where environmental protection, social justice and economic welfare for all people, go hand in hand.

We support Indigenous sovereignty and work at both the local level with specific Indigenous communities as well as participating in debates and campaigns at the national and international level. Through our local, national and international networks, we work with the broader community to raise awareness, put forward alternative solutions and take action.

The alternative we campaign to implement is a sustainable society, living and working in harmony with our planet. This involves the use of renewable resources, which are equitably distributed and the recognition that there is an inextricable link between people and the environment.

Friends of the Earth recognises that organised resistance and action are necessary catalysts for environmental, economic and social change. In fact such non-violent direct action is, in some cases essential if we are to achieve a sustainable society based on the equitable distribution of resources and power and recognition of the rights of all people.

FoEA also acknowledges that in an era of globalisation an international and co-operative response is required to resolve international environmental problems.

FoEA seeks to develop strong relations with environmental and social justice movements in all parts of the world and is committed to a set of objectives, which guide our activities.

## FoE Australia Objectives

The objectives of FoE Australia shall be:

1. To conserve, restore and protect the ecosphere.
2. To create a movement of change that recognises ecological sustainability and social justice are indivisible.
3. To preserve the natural environment in Australia
4. To promote public awareness of environmental issues in Australia, through community engagement, public mobilisations, direct action activities and the production of educational and community materials
5. To assist other people and organisations interested in these objectives to carry out their own tasks through the maintenance of resource centre's, newsletters, magazines and communication with like-minded national and international bodies

## Our work in 2010/11

Friends of the Earth Australia, is a federation of local groups, national projects, campaigns and affiliate members. We currently have seven local groups in Sydney, Bridgetown, Kuranda, South West WA, Adelaide, Melbourne, and Brisbane.

Because our work is largely based in our local groups, it is very diverse, and it is difficult to adequately describe our activities in depth within an annual report. We therefore tend to profile one or two key campaigns or groups each year.

This year we will focus on our anti nuclear and clean energy campaign along with our work in the Red Gum systems of inland Victoria and NSW.

# ANTI-NUCLEAR & CLEAN ENERGY CAMPAIGN

Friends of the Earth's Anti-nuclear & Clean Energy (ACE) campaign has been working on the environmental impacts of different energy sources for over three decades. Historically the focus was on uranium and nuclear energy; however more recently the scope of the campaign's activities have been expanded to cover all energy sources.

Over the past year some highlights include the following:



Arabunna elder  
Uncle Kevin Buzzacott Rad tour ( May 2011)

## Radioactive Exposure Tour:

Each year the ACE campaign hosts the Radioactive Exposure Tour. In May 2011 ACE took 35 people in to the desert of South Australia to witness the environmental impacts of uranium mining and to speak to mining company representatives as well as the Aboriginal people affected by this industry.

Indigenous people across the world are amongst those that suffer most directly from the impacts of the nuclear industry. Some the tactics used by uranium mining companies against Aboriginal communities have been known to include: ignoring the concerns of Traditional Owners; divide-and-rule tactics; bribery; 'humbugging' Traditional Owners (exerting persistent, unwanted pressure); providing Traditional Owners with false or misleading information; and threats, most commonly legal threats.

Participants in this years Radioactive Exposure Tour learned about the about the notorious

incident concerning the laying of a water pipeline on Arabunna land in the mid-1990s. WMC Resources, the company that operated the mine at the time, used divide-and-rule tactics against Traditional Owners, leading to violence, terrorism, imprisonment, and the death of one person.

The 2011 Radioactive Exposure Tour brought together a melting pot of citizens concerned about the well being of both Australia and the Earth. Students, activists, professionals and tradesman travelled to some of the most beautiful and ecologically significant environments in Australia. Camping out under the desert stars the participants experienced affinity groups, consensus decision-making and vegetarian communal cooking; while gaining an over-whelming awareness of the potential impact of the human use of radioactive materials. They were learning by doing<sup>o</sup> and only by action can our ideas take flight.





Muckaty Traditional owner Diane Stokes at Parliament house (June 2011) Photo Jessie Boylan

## Responsible Nuclear Waste Management:

FoE has worked consistently for several years to raise awareness about the environmental and social impacts of choices regarding nuclear waste management.

In February 2010 the Rudd Labor Government announced its intention to attempt to impose a national radioactive waste dump at Muckaty, 120 kms north of Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory. ACE members have travelled to Tennant Creek to support Traditional Owners fighting to prevent the imposition of a nuclear dump on their land.

### There are many concerns with the Governments Muckaty proposal, including:

- The opposition of many Traditional Owners to the proposal, and the unwillingness of the Government to listen to their concerns and to include them in decision-making processes.
- Draconian legislation, which overrides Aboriginal heritage and environmental protection laws and overrides all state and territory laws.
- The failure of the Government to establish the need for a national repository and the failure to carry out a proper site-selection process.
- The approach is in direct conflict with federal ALP policy and clear 2007 election promises on radioactive waste.

FoE has hosted visits and meetings in Melbourne and Sydney with Muckaty Traditional Owners and we have re-launched the Nuclear Freeways campaign to raise awareness along potential transport corridors about the environmental and public health issues associated with nuclear waste management and transportation.

[www.nuclearfreeways.org.au](http://www.nuclearfreeways.org.au)

## Australian Nuclear Free Alliance:

In August 2010, FoE members travelled to Alice Springs for the annual meeting of the Aboriginal-led Australian Nuclear Free Alliance [www.anfa.org.au](http://www.anfa.org.au).

FoE has played a major role helping to organise the annual Alliance meetings and we are represented on the Alliance's national committee. This year the meeting coincided with events worldwide marking six months since the Fukushima nuclear disaster began in Japan. The meeting was also held at the same time as the 10 week Walk Away From Uranium Mining in Western Australia.

ANFA 2011 opened with a statement from Mirarr Senior Traditional Owner Yvonne Margurula who has expressed great sadness that uranium mined from her country in Kakadu National Park is fuelling the radiation problems at Fukushima.

A message of solidarity was also sent from Djok Senior Traditional Owner Jeffery Lee, who is fighting to see his country at Koongarra incorporated into Kakadu National Park to protect it forever from uranium mining.

Australia's involvement in the nuclear trade has global implications and the ANFA 2011 meeting also hosted international anti-nuclear activists from the Navajo Nation and France. The group discussed the global implications of Australia's uranium exports that often end up as nuclear weapons or nuclear waste, causing significant problems for people in many different countries.

ANFA 2011 affirmed a commitment to working with fellow activists across all nations for a nuclear free future.

## ANFA 2011 was attended by the following representatives of Aboriginal and Indigenous Nations and organisations:

Arabunna, Arrernte (central and eastern), Kadyede, Kokatha/Anterkirinya, Kokatha/Mirning, Kokatha/Narrangar, Larrakia, Mirarr, Navajo, Wajarri Yamatji, Warumungu, Warlmanpa, Warlpiri, Whagjuk/Yuet, Wilman/Bibulman.

Arid Lands Environment Centre, Australian Conservation Foundation, Beyond Nuclear Initiative, Choose Nuclear Free, Conservation Council WA, Environment Centre NT, Environmental Defenders Office (NT), French Network for a Nuclear Phase out, Friends of the Earth (Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane), Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation, Medical Association for Prevention of War, Mundatharra Aboriginal Corporation, National Tertiary Education Union (NSW), Public Health Association of Australia, Western Australian Nuclear Free Alliance.

## Other alliances:

FoE has been involved in the Choose Nuclear Free alliance over the past 18 months along with the Medical Association for Prevention of War, and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons ([www.choosenuclearfree.net](http://www.choosenuclearfree.net)).

The main aim of the project is to provide detailed, accurate information and arguments in support of a clean energy, non-nuclear future for Australia.

Friends of the Earth is also involved in the EnergyScience Coalition, which brings together academics and scientists with expertise in energy issues ([www.energyscience.org.au](http://www.energyscience.org.au)).



Protest at Mart Ferguson's Electoral office Preston (Feb 2011) - Photo Madeline Hudson

# THE BARMAH MILLEWA CAMPAIGN (BMC)

The Barmah-Millewa Collective has worked for over a decade to gain protection for the Red Gum ecosystems along the Murray River, while acting to ensure traditional owner groups gain greater access to land justice in this process.

This highly successful campaign has seen the creation of around 250,000 hectares of new national parks and conservation areas along the inland rivers of Victoria and New South Wales, most of which will be jointly managed by Traditional Owners or established as Indigenous Protected Areas.

Over the past year, the project expanded to become actively involved in water justice issues throughout the Murray Darling Basin, focusing on ensuring the Murray-Darling Basin Plan process will deliver adequate environmental and cultural flows to the unique water-dependent ecosystems, including the protected Red Gum forests, of the Basin.

The Murray-Darling Basin Plan is the first national management plan for Australia's longest river system, and is an important opportunity for the wider community to be able to participate in visioning a flourishing future for our rivers. In this formative year of the project, our key priority was conducting a strong community outreach and awareness raising campaign. Our new campaign received an enthusiastic response from other environmental groups, and we are now part of a dedicated multi-state alliance campaigning for water justice.



## Highlights:

- We ran an outreach campaign in conjunction with four other environment groups focused around the Victorian state election, which included distribution of 100,000 postcards in Bendigo, Ballarat, Albert Park and Northcote and well-attended information nights in Melbourne and Bendigo;
- GetUp! joined our alliance and hosted the online version of a petition for a strong Basin Plan, which attracted over 44,000 signatories.

## Traditional Owner Alliances:

We are supporting Traditional Owners in their campaign for recognition of Indigenous rights to water. We have key partnerships with three Indigenous nations (Wadi Wadi, Wamba Wamba and Yorta Yorta) and the peak bodies Murray and Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) and Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN).

Friends of the Earth is also a member of the Inland Rivers Network as part of this campaign.



# SNAPSHOTS OF OUR WORK 2010/11



## CLIMATE CAMPAIGNING

For many years our climate justice campaign forged the agenda on the human rights dimensions of climate change, most notably in the realm of climate refugees.

In recent times, we have been greatly increasing the work we do on mitigation - that is, reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. We now have active climate campaigns focused on coal at the state or regional level in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney. Much of our work continues to be done at the local group level. In addition, we have agreed that our areas of key national activity will be:

- Campaigns against existing coal mining and plans for expansion
- Our campaign against the coal seam gas (CSG) industry.

## Coal

### Queensland

In Queensland, the FoE Brisbane Six Degrees campaign has been working closely with communities and groups across the state to reduce Queensland's dependence on the coal industry, and to ensure a just and measured transition to a safe climate future.

In February, 2011, Friends of the Earth lodged an objection against a massive open cut coal mine proposed by Xstrata Coal for west of Wandoan in South West Queensland. The proposed mine will be almost double the size of Queensland's current largest coal mine, covering an area of 32 000 hectares (320 Sq km) of agricultural land.

This is bigger than the Swiss Canton of Geneva (282 Sq km) with its 400,000 inhabitants. At 30 million tonnes of coal per year, it is among the largest in the southern hemisphere and would emit a massive 41.6 mega tonnes of carbon dioxide per year for 30 years, creating a sizable 0.15% of annual global emissions every year. This case has not yet been resolved.



### Victoria

In Victoria, FoE has been working with community groups to tackle climate change. We have been campaigning for a moratorium on all new coal power stations and against the proposed HRL coal fired power station in the Latrobe Valley. Friends of the Earth actively promote a just transition to renewable energy jobs for coal mining communities. We have been promoting the uptake of renewable energy by supporting initiatives for community wind farms and opposing changes to state planning laws that restrict the rollout of wind energy.

We believe that Victoria can play its part in reducing greenhouse emissions by leading the way to a low carbon future. A starting point would be to commit to meet all our energy needs from renewable sources by 2020, which has been demonstrated to be feasible by renewable energy advocates Beyond Zero Emissions. FoE climate campaigners have been working with local residents and groups to build a campaign around the Alcoa coal mine just near Anglesea, on the west coast of the state. The aim of this campaign is to encourage the company to commit to replacing its coal power station with locally produced renewable energy.

## Coal seam gas

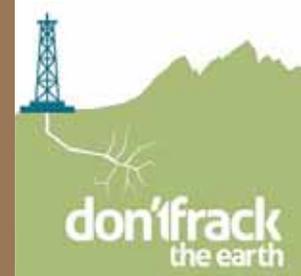
Friends of the Earth have been a leading force in the community opposition to the rollout of CSG in Queensland. We are absolutely pivotal to the broad based and determined resistance that has been happening in places like Tara on the Darling Downs. We are a key member of the Lock the Gate Alliance.

Lock the Gate was launched in late 2010, when representatives of eight farmers' and residents' organisations joined Friends of the Earth outside the Queensland parliament to announce the campaign. They are opposed to miners' plans for up to 40,000 coal seam gas (CSG) wells and massive new coal mines on the rich agricultural lands of the Darling Downs. Lock the Gate has already grown to be a national grouping of more than 80 organisations.

Farmers, environmentalists and scientists have been warning the State and federal governments for some time that CSG activities are potentially hazardous to human health, agricultural land and underground water and could damage the Great Artesian Basin for centuries. They have called on these governments to impose a moratorium on the industry until all outstanding social and environmental issues have been addressed.

From early 2011, FoE has been the key green organisation working to prevent the development of a CSG industry in Victoria.

We believe such an industry would have a major negative impact on ground and surface water, agricultural land and biodiversity, local food production and food security, and rural communities.



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## NANOTECHNOLOGY PROJECT

The Nanotechnology project vision is for a society shaped by the goals of social justice and global equity, and by the needs of a healthy ecosystem, rather than by profit and military driven technological development. We recognise that science and technology should be shaped by the public rather than the private interest, and must no longer have a monopoly on concepts of 'progress' and 'solutions' to environmental and social problems.

### The Nano Project aims to:

- Democratise decision making about the development of new technologies, including identification of community priorities and preferences to guide technology research funding, development and governance.
- Ensure that marginalised groups and those who stand to be most affected by decision making about technology development are involved in that decision making process to ensure that technology development reflects key social and ecological needs.
- Build the wider public's capacity to engage in the nanotechnology debate and secure comprehensive and integrated nanotechnology-specific regulatory regimes nationally and internationally. Regulation based on the precautionary principle and the public's right to know, which ensure that nano-products are not released commercially until their health and environmental safety and social benefit can be demonstrated.
- Secure international agreements on a prohibition on the intentional mass release of nanoparticles into the environment (including for geo engineering), and on the development of nano-based arms and weaponry.

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The Nano project also had further campaign success with agreement reached for a review of the National Enabling Technologies Strategy office activities, events and public education materials for bias.



# SUSTAINABLE FOOD

## The South Melbourne Commons (SMC)

The Commons is located in South Melbourne and is a joint initiative of Friends of the Earth and the Father Bob Maguire Foundation and Saint Peter and Paul's Parish.

Most members and supporters will know of the long held FoE Australia project to establish a number of 'sustainable supermarkets' around the country. The vision is to establish an Eco Market that will provide at least 70% of the goods you can find in a traditional supermarket. We hope to be able to establish a number of these in coming years.

The Commons is the first of these, and has evolved to suit the site we are working with, the old South Melbourne Catholic Primary School.

The Commons is a local community hub, and the vision is that it will provide:

- A grocery store/ food co-op
- A cafe run by a not-for-profit enterprise
- Offices and meeting space for community groups
- A weekly outdoor eco-market
- Permaculture gardens
- Regular workshops and community activities.

The Commons is already acting as a hub for learning and activity around sustainable lifestyles, and in 2010 received a grant from the Victorian government through Sustainability Victoria to implement a range of energy and water saving measures.

## Safe Food Institute

In early 2011, FoE supported the establishment of the Safe Food Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation to promote awareness of the health, social, economic and environmental impacts of food production.

With a broad remit and a proactive solution oriented approach to food quality and safety, its mission is to highlight issues around the production and consumption of Genetically Modified (GM) foods, chemicals, nanotechnology, irradiation, corporate control, monoculture, fair trade and food sovereignty.

Our goal is to encourage the production of foods of high nutrient quality, which are safe to consume, sustainable for our environment, and beneficial to the social systems that produce and consume those foods. This is vital if consumers are to continue enjoying the right to choose clean and natural foods, including organic foods.

We will ask our regulators to rigorously and transparently assess and manage the risks stemming from the use of agricultural technologies such as GM, nanotechnology and irradiation; seeking to educate consumers about these issues so that they know precisely what they are eating and how their food has been produced.

## Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance

In 2010, Woolworths CEO Michael Luscombe made a call for a national food policy.

The agriculture minister Tony Burke said that such a policy would be developed should the ALP be returned to power, citing Woolworths, the National Farmers' Federation and other large industry interests as the key stakeholders.

In response, FoE Adelaide, in collaboration with the Food Connection Foundation and food activists around the country formed the Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance, a growing national network of small farmers, community, environment and health organisations, social and business enterprises in order to assert the need for food policy to be truly democratic and to encompass the full social and environmental implications of our food and agriculture system.

The first public statement from the Alliance, a letter to the agriculture ministers of all major parties, attracted well over 100 organisational signatories.

Further information:

<http://foodsovereigntyalliance.org>



Building the earthbag wall at South Melbourne Commons

# FORESTS AND BIODIVERSITY

## Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

Forest certification is a voluntary, market-based tool that claims to support responsible forest management worldwide. Certified wood is verified from the forest of origin through the supply chain. The certifying body ensures that trees that are destined to be certified come from responsibly harvested and verified sources.

A certified logging operation must also respect the social, economic, ecological, cultural and spiritual needs of present and future generations who depend on the forests.

FoE has a representative on the board of FSC Australia and continues to play a key role in the development of FSC systems in Australia.



## Koala at risk in Strzelecki Ranges

On the first of August Friends of the Earth appeared before the Senate Committee Inquiry Into the Status, Health and Sustainability of Australia's Koala Population.

Friends of the Earth concentrated their submission on the plight of the Strzelecki Koala, which is the most genetically robust population remaining in Victoria and South Australia.

For many years Friends of the Earth have been claiming that the Strzelecki Koala should be protected nationally, yet has been countered by the Victorian Government who claim that Victoria's koala population is expanding due to its translocation policy. The translocated koalas however are descendents of four animals sent to French Island in the 1890's and suffer from the effects of inbreeding.

Friends of the Earth also presented information concerning the fact that most of the Strzelecki Koala habitat is now owned in perpetuity by Hancock Victorian Plantations. Hancock have converted approximately 8000 hectares of Mountain Ash and other wet forest (koala feed trees) over the past decade into Shining Gum (a non koala feed tree).

Friends of the Earth continued its work to gain adequate protection for the Strzelecki Koala, which is the most genetically robust population remaining in Victoria and South Australia.



## Save the Cassowary

Friends of the Earth has supported the launch of a nationwide campaign, Save the Cassowary. The endangered Southern Cassowary (*Casuarius johnsonii*) perches on the edge of extinction with perhaps as few as 1,000 remaining in the tropical rainforests of Far North Queensland.

The Wet Tropics depend on the Southern Cassowary to disperse and germinate seeds of up to 150 rainforest plant species.

The primary threats to these ancient flightless birds are loss of habitat and road kill associated with development.

The increase of traffic through Cassowary habitat has resulted in 60 Cassowaries being killed over the past 15 years

Dog attacks and obstacles to free movement in the landscape such as fences are also major threats being introduced by residential development. At Mission Beach, subdivisions are creating more than 1000 new residential blocks and in the Daintree, 185 rainforest properties are zoned for development.

The Rainforest Information Centre (QLD) is urging the Federal Government to provide funds to buy back the remaining undeveloped properties in the Daintree and Mission Beach, which are vital primary habitat for the Cassowary.



## OTHER NATIONAL WORK

### Robin Hood Tax

The Robin Hood Tax (RHT) is a tiny international financial transaction tax that could raise billions of dollars to tackle poverty and the impacts of climate change.

Specifically designed not to impact consumers, a RHT has the added bonus of helping to reduce volatility in global financial markets. Both the G20 and the European Union have the RHT under consideration. If it is to become a reality, Australia's support is vital.

FoEA has been involved in the Australian based alliance calling for a RHT style tax.

### Chain Reaction

Chain Reaction is the national magazine of FoE Australia. Three editions are produced each year. An editorial team comprised of active FoE campaigners, with support from an Advisory Board, produces the Chain Reaction magazine.

**In the 2010-11 financial year the following three issues were produced:**

Chain Reaction #109, July 2010.  
Theme: The Future of Food

Chain Reaction #110, November 2010. Theme:  
renewable energy for Australia/ climate change

Chain Reaction #111, March 2011.  
Theme: The climate movement: ideas for renewal

## WORKING IN OUR REGION

Over the past few years Friends of the Earth International has increased its focus on member groups building collaboration at the regional level.

Our region is the Asia Pacific (APac), with thirteen FoE member groups spread between Palestine, Sri Lanka, Australia, up to Japan and across to Nepal.

A regional council appointed by the member groups helps co-ordinate action and communication within our region with our member group in Indonesia acting as secretariat.

We have sought to increase our level of collaboration on energy, forestry and climate issues over the past year. We must note the work of Natalie Lowrey and Derec Davies in particular for their commitment to developing the FoE Asia Pacific network.

### Indonesian environmental activists speak out about Australia's offset schemes

One of our major collaborations over the past year with our colleagues in the Asia Pacific region was to organise an East Coast speaking tour, featuring campaigners from Indonesia.

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) is an international plan to make forests available as a source of offsets for developed countries to meet their emissions reduction targets. Under the proposed plan, rainforest nations such as Indonesia or Papua New Guinea, will sell 'credits' for the carbon stored in their forests to countries, such as Australia.

The Australian government has established two aid-funded REDD pilot projects in Indonesia to demonstrate the feasibility of forest carbon trading and assist Indonesia's integration into the international carbon market.

While there has been some support within Indonesia for REDD, other groups have been more critical, including WALHI (FoE Indonesia, which unites more than 450 NGO's throughout Indonesia) and Aliansi Rakyat Pengelola Gambut (ARPAG), a collective of villagers living adjacent to Australia's REDD project in Kalimantan. ARPAG was established in 2007 and is a 7,000-strong grouping of peasants, fisherfolk, rattan handcrafters and rubber collectors.

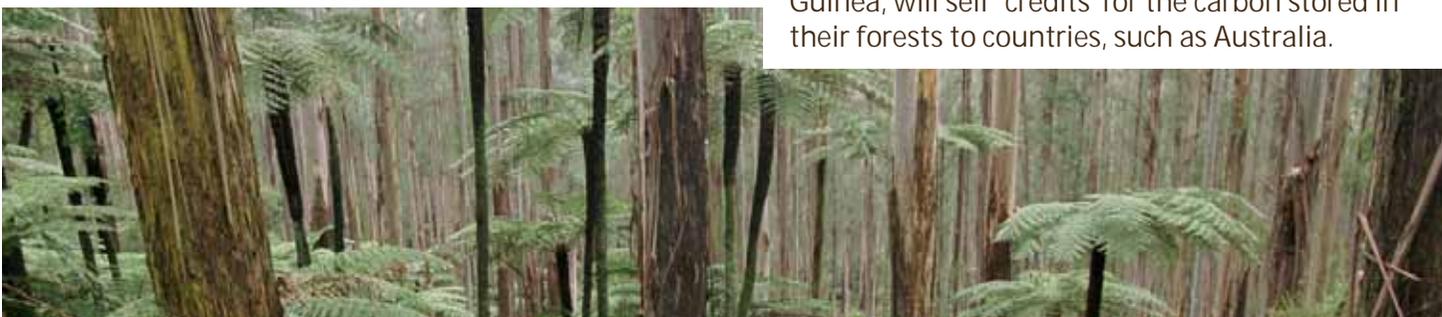
In November 2010, FoE Australia sponsored a national speaking tour of activists from WALHI and ARPAG to discuss their views on proposed REDD schemes. Speakers include Teguh Surya, campaigns director at WALHI, and Muliadi, secretary general of ARPAG.

More information:  
[foe.org.au/climate-justice/activities-and-projects/redd](http://foe.org.au/climate-justice/activities-and-projects/redd)

### Rare earth processing facility in Malaysia challenged by community

Concerns have been increasing in Malaysia over the construction of a rare earth processing facility at Kuantan. There is a strong Australian connection with the facility being run by an Australian company called, Lynas.

Friends of the Earth Australia and the Conservation Council of Western Australia have supported the call by local communities for the Rare Earth miner to stop construction of their Malaysian Advanced Materials Plant until all details about waste management from the facility are known.



## Our international work

As part of an international federation active in 77 countries, FoE Australia often seeks funding from Australian sources in order to support projects by FoE groups in other parts of the world.

These sources include government programs, donations from members of the public and support from Australian-based philanthropic foundations. In many instances, FoEA simply acts to connect potential donors with worthwhile projects in the global south, meaning funds raised do not appear in our accounts. This saves on administration costs within Australia, thereby maximising the effectiveness of donations or other support received.

In the case of funds provided through Australian government programs, these allocations are managed through the FoE Australia accounts to ensure reporting to Australian government standards.

All FoE International member groups must ensure effective management of funds received and appropriate reporting. The FoEI executive committee and the FoEI secretariat, which is based in Amsterdam, oversee this accountability process.

FoE Australia is active in a range of the FoE International campaigns.

In particular we must note the efforts of Natalie Lowrey, who has represented us in the FoEI resisting mining, oil and gas (RMOG) program, and Marisol Salinas and Derec Davies, who have acted as our International Liaison Officers. Derec has also represented FoE Australia on the APac Majelis (Regional Council for Friends of the Earth Asia Pacific region).

## Our affiliate members whose work is focused overseas

FoEA has a number of affiliate groups and projects that support grassroots and community-based projects in the global South.

### Mukwano Australia

The Mukwano Australia project supports the Katuulo Organic Pineapple Cooperative to build, staff and maintain a health care centre in Katuulo, a remote rural community in Uganda. The health care centre will be accessed by twenty-five organic farm families who are members of the cooperative, as well as hundreds of people from the surrounding community.

### Tulele Peisa “sailing the waves on our own”

Tulele Peisa “sailing the waves on our own” is a local community organisation in Papua New Guinea that is working to relocate the whole island community of the Carterets to nearby Bougainville because of the impacts of climate change. It was established by Ursula Rakova to help negotiate and facilitate the movement of the Carterets community.

Further information: [www.tuelepeisa.org/](http://www.tuelepeisa.org/)

### Thin Green Line

Although TGL is not an affiliate of FoEA, over the past year, we have worked with the Australian contact to raise funds to support the families of Park rangers killed while on duty, and prevent further ranger deaths, on the frontline of conservation around the world.

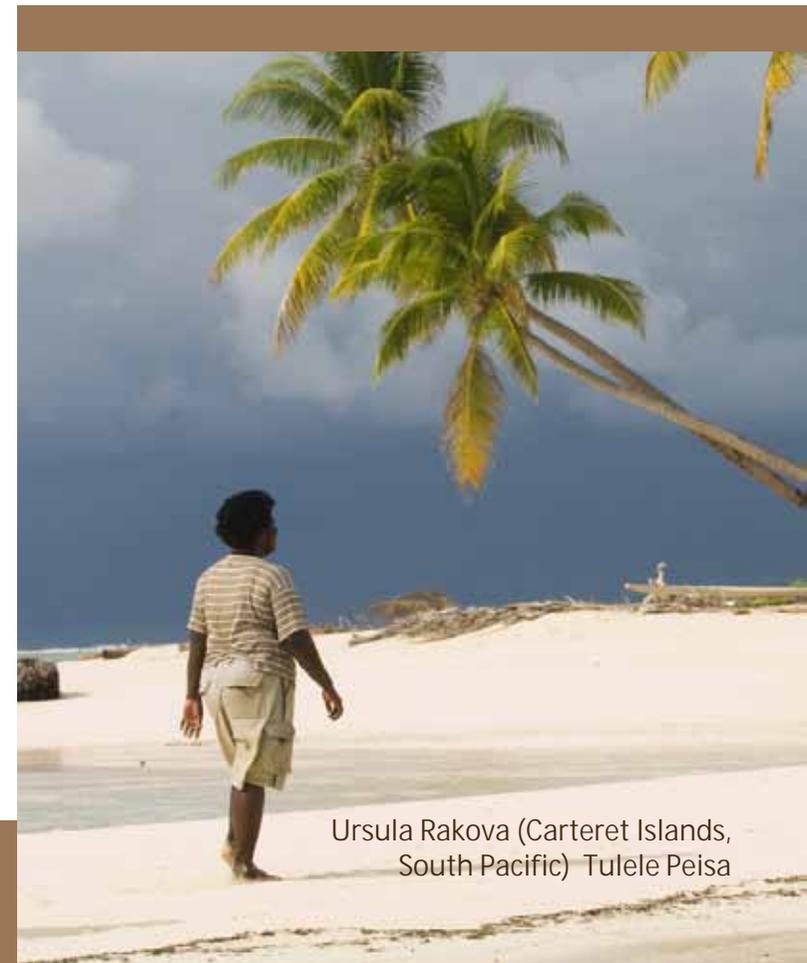
Further information: [www.thingreenline.info/](http://www.thingreenline.info/)

### GAIA - the Global Anti-Incinerator Alliance

We have also been supporting a project in the Philippines by GAIA - the Global Anti-Incinerator Alliance: [www.no-burn.org](http://www.no-burn.org)

### Tsunami relief, Japan

Following the massive earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan on March 11, we supported the call from Friends of the Earth Japan for donations to assist in the relief efforts. All funds raised went directly to Japan.



Ursula Rakova (Carteret Islands, South Pacific) Tulele Peisa

# THE FoE AUSTRALIA FEDERATION 2010/2011

FoE Australia is a federation made up of vibrant and diverse local groups that are full of passionate and talented individuals. In the process of campaigning for an environmentally and socially just world, we also continue to grow and transform as individuals, collectives and as a national federation.

## Organisational milestones

- Congratulations to FoE Adelaide's Richard Smith, who was announced as the winner of the SA Conservation Council's 'Unsung Hero' award
- Congratulations to FoE Melbourne's Cam Walker, who was announced as Wild magazines 'Environmentalist of the Year'
- We must acknowledge the remarkable contribution over many years put in by John McKenzie from FoE Brisbane. John has moved interstate, we wish him all the best for the future
- We also want to acknowledge and thank our incredible IT volunteers, especially Chris Lange (FoE Melbourne) and Tel Lekatsas (FoE Brisbane)
- Congratulations to Drew Hutton who has been appointed president of the recently formed Lock the Gate Alliance
- Cat Beaton, who led the Nuclear Freeways project and anti nuclear campaigning in Melbourne, has moved to Darwin.
- Lauren Caulfield, a long term forest activist involved with FoE for many years, has moved back to WA to start a family.



## Network development

FoE Australia grew in 2010/11. We welcome the new affiliate member In Our Nature.

## In Our Nature

is a not-for-profit organisation, which is working on the Kitobo Colobus Project. Located in southern Kenya near the border with Tanzania, Kitobo Forest is composed of around 160 acres of tropical rainforest created by underground water emanating from the melting snows of nearby Mt Kilimanjaro. The group is working to support both the community's efforts to preserve the forest and the community itself.

## Our local groups

continue to grow in terms of both membership and profile.

We opened a regional office in Toowoomba, on the Darling Downs in Queensland.

## FoEA's environmental performance

Since its creation in 1974, FoE has always pioneered thinking and practices that link personal and collective behaviour with good environmental outcomes. FoE has always sought to incorporate sustainable behaviour into our work - to 'walk the talk', often long before such action has become mainstream.

In the 1970s this was as simple as promoting renewable technology, placing solar hot water systems on our buildings, using 'ecolabels' so envelopes could be recycled and promoting 'no junk mail' stickers. All of these actions are now considered mainstream behaviour.

We also developed a number of community businesses, which pioneered a low impact approach from their creation. The FoE Melbourne food co-operative that was founded in the 1970's defines this approach by composting all vegetable waste for reuse in food production, and has sustained such high recycling rates that it continues to produce waste in only one 60 L rubbish bin a week.

In recent years we have sought to formalise some of our actions through the creation of policy aimed at reducing the carbon and resource footprint of our campaigns and business operations. Apart from supporting green power, using non CCA treated timber, 100% post consumer waste paper and maintaining stringent recycling systems in our offices we encourage the use of public transport wherever possible for intra and inter city travel.

Our magazines and all other public materials are published on post consumer waste and bagasse sourced paper.

## GLOBAL CONTEXT AND CONNECTIONS

Friends of the Earth Australia is the national member of Friends of the Earth International (FoEI), which is the world's largest federation of national environmental organisations. Friends of the Earth International now has 77 member countries and 15 affiliate groups representing more than 2 million people. This means that Friends of the Earth's impact and solutions can be felt globally.

### FoE International mission

- To collectively ensure environmental and social justice, human dignity, and respect for human rights and peoples' rights so as to secure sustainable societies.
- To halt and reverse environmental degradation and depletion of natural resources, nurture the earth's ecological and cultural diversity, and secure sustainable livelihoods.
- To secure the empowerment of indigenous peoples, local communities, women, groups and individuals, and to ensure public participation in decision-making.
- To bring about transformation towards sustainability and equity between and within societies with creative approaches and solutions.
- To engage in vibrant campaigns, raise awareness, mobilize people and build alliances with diverse movements, linking grassroots, national and global struggles.
- To inspire one another and to harness, strengthen and complement each other's capacities, living the change we wish to see and working together in solidarity.

FoEI has a democratic structure with autonomous national groups, which comply with the guidelines established by the federation. FoEI member groups are united by a common conviction that these aims require both strong grassroots activism and effective national and international campaigning and coordination. They see Friends of the Earth International as a unique and diverse forum to pursue international initiatives, taking advantage of the varied backgrounds and perspectives of its members. In 2011 Friends of the Earth International marked its 40th anniversary.

More information about the work of FoE groups around the world and copies of the FoEI annual report can be found at: [www.foei.org](http://www.foei.org)

Details on the FoE I Executive Committee (ExCom) is available at: [www.foei.org/about/excom.html](http://www.foei.org/about/excom.html)



## Partners and alliances

Friends of the Earth Australia places considerable emphasis on working in alliances with other progressive sectors of Australian society and is currently a member of the following networks and organisations:

- The Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition  
[www.asoc.org/](http://www.asoc.org/)
- The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)
- Make Poverty History campaign
- Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network (AFTINET)
- The Boomerang Alliance  
The Alliance is made up of Australia's leading environment groups, is committed to work for zero waste in Australia.  
[www.boomerangalliance.org/](http://www.boomerangalliance.org/)
- The Refugee Council of Australia
- Australians for Just Refugee Programs
- Inland Rivers Network  
IRN is a grouping of environmental organisations, including the Australian Conservation Foundation, Nature Conservation Council of NSW, National Parks Association and FoE.
- The Lock the Gate Alliance
- The Futures Forum  
This is a grouping of national and state-based environmental groups.
- FoE acts as the secretariat for the Australian Nuclear Free Alliance

“FoE Australia continues to respond to emerging issues and popularise them well before the rest of the environment movement”



## FoE Australia works closely with the following organisations on a range of issues and projects:

- The Australian Conservation Foundation
- Australian Student Environment Network (ASEN)
- Conservation Council of WA
- Environment Victoria
- Nature Conservation Council NSW
- Queensland Conservation Council
- The Wilderness Society
- Yorta Yorta Nation
- Murray and Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN);
- Wadi Wadi Nation

### What makes us unique

What makes FoE Australia unique is the federation's local group structure, which enables us to work in ways that are most appropriate for local circumstances, while maintaining strong regional and global connections through the FoE International network.

FoE uses its resources effectively and is acknowledged as the leanest of the large environmental groups, in terms of minimizing administration costs and over-heads. Our strong grassroots and volunteer basis means we are able to work effectively with a broad range of local networks and community groups. FoE is also well known as a training ground for many emerging campaigners and we bring a strong human rights perspective to all our campaigns.

FoE Australia continues to respond to emerging issues and popularize them well before the rest of the environment movement. The most recent example of this is our strong campaign on nanotechnology.

### How we work

We are a national federation of local groups that work through community engagement, education and mobilisation. We have a strong focus on working in alliances with others in the environmental and social justice movements and with organisations in the broader community.

In recent years we have developed stronger links with communities and organizations in regional Australia. We engage in advocacy, and support community mobilisations and peaceful direct action in appropriate circumstances.

We manage a range of not for profit social enterprises, including an organic cafe, bookstore, food co-operative and 'reverse garbage' enterprise, which finds commercial uses for materials which would otherwise go to landfill.

We are politically non-aligned and seek to develop working relations with a range of Parties, businesses and others in civil society.

## FoE Australia structure and governance

FoE Australia is composed of independent member groups. Each group is self-managing in terms of its campaigns, decision-making structures, fund-raising and needs to meet certain membership criteria. These are assessed on an annual basis.

In addition to their local work, groups co-operate on specific campaigns at an appropriate and sustainable level.

Communication between local groups is facilitated by the National Liaison Officers. FoE Melbourne currently hosts the national liaison office. Kristy Walters (FoE Brisbane) and Cam Walker (FoE Melbourne) have acted as the NLOs over the past year.

A Committee of Management is appointed at the AGM and has strategic oversight for finances, governance, and legal issues.

The International Liaison Officers are responsible for communication between FoE Australia and FoE International (FoEI).

National spokespeople are nominated by local groups and are approved to speak on behalf of FoE Australia on specific issues. The regional contacts represent the FoE network in areas where there are currently no local groups.

Decisions are made at two national meetings, which are generally held in January and August. Various communication structures keep groups informed during the year. FoE Australia places great value on participatory decision making systems and internal information sharing.

## Friends of the Earth Australia Committee of Management 2010-2011

Figure in brackets indicates number of years' service on committee.

### **Mara Bonacci [4] (Melbourne - Public Officer)**

Mara is an environmental scientist with experience in remediation and natural resource management. She was the finance manager for Friends of the Earth Melbourne and Australia in 2010/2011.

### **Derec Davies [6] (Brisbane).**

Derec is currently employed by the Queensland State Government, Department of Natural Resources and Water. Derec sits as Director with Friends of the Earth Brisbane Co-op Ltd (4 years) and the West End Housing Co-operative Ltd (two years) as Policy Director. Derec also actively contributes to the Brisbane Housing Amalgamation Project, providing policy support, which is a multi-million dollar cooperative housing development project within Brisbane suburbs.

### **Dr John Mackenzie [2] (Brisbane)**

John is a research fellow in the Socio-Legal Research Centre at Griffith University with expertise in political sociology and the use of social science research methods for policy design, analysis and assessment. His work in this area concentrates on community-based natural resource management, water policy and reform, and social impact assessment. He is currently working with the Northern Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAISMA) on Indigenous participation in water planning, as part of the Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge (TRaCK) research program. John is a volunteer with Friends of the Earth in Brisbane.



### **Cam Walker [1] (Melbourne)**

Cam is the campaigns coordinator for FoE Melbourne and a national liaison officer for FoE Australia.

### **Rosalie Wong [1] (Sydney).**

Rosannah organises in Sydney against fossil fuel extraction and for climate justice. She also works with Latin American solidarity groups in Australia, and with grassroots feminist, environment, and human rights groups in Honduras, speaking out against repression and for environmental justice.

### **Scarlet Wilcock [1] (Sydney).**

Scarlet is an Honours student in Arts/Law at the University of NSW. She spends her time organising with communities in NSW in a range of social issues and movements, including climate justice, decarceration and prison abolition, and welfare rights.



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These figures represent the financial statements of Friends of the Earth Australia.

Friends of the Earth Australia's administrative functions are hosted by, and receive substantial logistical and in-kind support from FoE Melbourne, including the part time allocation of one staff member to national functions. The finance manager at FoE Melbourne manages the national accounts. This keeps overhead costs extremely low.

## Income Statement for year ending 30 June 2011

Income		Expenditure	
Merchandise Sales	\$0.00	Grant Expenditure	\$0.00
Publishing Income	\$21,138.50	Publishing Cost	\$24,669.33
Subscription	\$2,044.21	Wages and Assoc. Cost	\$260,073.86
Donations	\$230,515.54	Administration Expenses	\$137,204.40
Campaign Income	\$52,761.87	Subscriptions	\$2,836.58
Grant Income	\$298,337.70	Telephone and Fax	\$7,607.57
Grant Income - GVEHO	\$10,000.00	Campaigning Cost	\$39,716.82
Bank Interest	\$10,560.88	Bank Charges & Fees	\$3,662.15
Miscellaneous Income	\$14,352.42	Consultants	\$82,184.93
Administration Income	\$27,620.25	Insurance	\$1,491.61
Legacies and Bequest	\$0.00	National Meeting Expenditure	\$5,592.12
Fundraising	\$3,670.00	Audit Fees - Audit or Reviewing	\$1,462.00
Royalties	\$0.00	the Financial Report	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$671,001.37</b>	Donations Expenditure	\$128,487.70
		Travel Cost	\$32,321.28
		Miscellaneous Expenses	\$21,216.65
		Depreciation	\$1,286.46
		Fundraising	\$0.00
		Write-off of Assets	\$0.00
		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$749,813.46</b>
		<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(\$78,812.09)</b>

In particular, almost all costs associated by processing donations for overseas work is absorbed by the office budget of FoE Melbourne, ensuring an absolute minimum of funds donated for overseas projects are used for administration.

The following is a summary of the financial report for Friends of the Earth Australia for 2010-11. Copies of the full audited financial report are available upon request.

## Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2011

Assets	
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash on Hand and at Bank	\$276,677.08
Short-Term Bank Deposits	\$201,943.70
Sundry Debtors	\$143,194.73
Inventories	\$0.00
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$621,815.51</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>	
Plant and Equipment	\$7,146.14
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>\$7,146.14</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$628,961.65</b>
Liabilities	
<b>Current liabilities</b>	
Payables	\$165,648.82
Grants/Income received in advance	\$192,000.00
Employee Provisions	\$0.00
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>\$357,648.82</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	
Borrowing's	\$0.00
Friends of the Earth (Melbourne) Inc.	\$0.00
Other Creditors	\$0.00
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$357,648.82</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$271,312.83</b>
<b>Retained surplus</b>	
Opening Retained Surplus	\$350,124.92
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(\$78,812.09)
<b>Total surplus</b>	<b>\$271,312.83</b>

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## Statement of Changes in Retained Surplus

	Retained Surplus	Other Reserve	Total
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2009</b>	<b>\$194,021.56</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$194,021.56</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year attributable to members	\$156,103.36	\$0.00	\$156,103.36
Transfer to/(from) during the year	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2010 / 1 July 2010</b>	<b>\$350,124.92</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$350,124.92</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year attributable to members	(\$78,812.09)	\$0.00	(\$78,812.09)
Total other comprehensive income for the year	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to/(from) during the year	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2011</b>	<b>\$271,312.83</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$271,312.83</b>

## Statement of Cash Flows for the Year ended 30 June 2011

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Merchandise and Publishing Income	\$21,138.50
Payments to Suppliers	(\$24,669.33)
Subscription receipts	\$2,044.21
Administration income	\$27,620.25
Administration expenditure	(\$29,420.92)
Donations receipts	\$230,515.54
Bank interest	\$10,560.88
Bank charges	(\$3,662.15)
Miscellaneous receipts	\$14,352.42
Subscriptions expenditure	(\$2,836.58)
Wages and associated payments	(\$260,073.86)
Other miscellaneous payments	(\$151,876.16)
Grant receipts	\$292,917.40
Grant expenditure	\$0.00
Project/Campaign Costs	(\$39,716.82)
Donations Expenses	(\$128,487.70)
Campaign Income	\$52,761.87
Legacies and Bequest	\$0.00
Fundraising receipts	\$3,670.00
Fundraising payments	\$0.00
Royalties receipts	\$0.00
<b>Net cash provided/(used) by Operating Activities</b>	<b>\$14,837.55</b>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Plant & Equipment Purchases	(\$6,500.00)
Proceeds on Sale of Plant & Equipment	\$0.00
<b>Net cash provided / (used) in Investing Activities</b>	<b>(\$6,500.00)</b>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities	
Proceeds from borrowing's	\$0.00
Repayment of borrowing's	\$0.00
<b>Net cash provided / (used) in Financing Activities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>\$8,337.55</b>
<b>Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year</b>	<b>\$470,283.23</b>
<b>Cash at the end of the Financial Year</b>	<b>\$478,620.78</b>

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## FoE Australia International aid and development activities 2010-11

### ACFID Code of Conduct Compliance

FoE Australia is a signatory of the ACFID Code of Conduct. This is a Code that sets out standards on how organisations are managed, how they communicate with the public, and how they spend the funds they raise. Further details on the code are available at: <http://www.acfid.asn.au/code/code.htm>

### International aid and development activities 2010-11

Revenue	
Donated funds	\$76,890
Grants	\$0
Other Income (fundraising)	\$3,670
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$80,560</b>
Expenses	
Overseas Projects	\$70,001
Community Education	\$0
Fundraising Costs	\$0
Administration	\$6,264
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$76,265</b>
<b>Excess (Deficit) of Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,295</b>

### Table of Cash Movements July 2010-June 2011 (International Aid & Development)

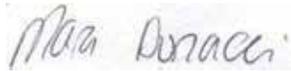
Project Name	Cash at start of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash at end of year	Comments
Tulele Peisa	1,550.00	5,785.00	1,510.00	5,825.00	FoE Australia is supporting Tulele Peisa, a local community organisation in Papua New Guinea that is trying to relocate the whole island community off the Carterets to nearby Bougainville because of the impacts of climate change.
Yaubula	0.00	52,300.00	52,300.00	0.00	FoE Australia supported Yaubula, an Australian not-for-profit organisation pioneering sustainable development projects both locally and abroad. Yaubula aims to protect and celebrate the natural environment by educating people and engaging them in positive change.
Thin Green Line	0.00	4,855.00	4,855.00	0.00	FoE Australia supported the Thin Green line, a foundation that supports rangers on the frontline of conservation and their community conservation programs in Africa.
Ride Planet Earth	0.00	20.00	0.00	20.00	FoE Australia is supporting Kim Nguyen to ride from Australia to Copenhagen, raising awareness about climate change and collecting messages from communities of the Developing World affected by climate change.
Mukwano	0.00	17,600.00	17,600.00	0.00	FoE Australia has been supporting Mukwano to work with the Katuulo Organic Pineapple Cooperative to build, staff and maintain a health care centre in Katuulo, a remote rural community in Uganda. It is also supporting a range of environmental initiatives in the region. It joined FoEA as an affiliate in July 2008.
<b>Remaining Funds</b>				<b>\$5,845.00</b>	

## Statement by Members of the Committee

In the opinion of the members of the committee the financial report:

- Represents a true and fair view of the financial position of Friends of the Earth (Australia) Inc as at 30 June 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Friends of the Earth (Australia) Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



Mara Bonacci, Collingwood, Victoria

## Supporters

FoE Australia gratefully acknowledges the many members and supporters who support our local groups and national campaigns.

We want to thank the following for their support:

- The individuals who joined our monthly giving program
- Bidstrup Farming Co
- Clapham Farming Co
- Dave West
- Wholefoods Pty Ltd
- Windwarde Pty Ltd
- Witherfield Station
- and a number of Anonymous individual donors

The nanotechnology project also acknowledges the numerous generous individuals who made private donations to our work.

The Barmah-Millewa Collective would like to thank the ongoing and generous support of Reichstein Foundation and Melbourne Communities Foundation, as well as numerous individuals and other philanthropic funds that have donated to our work.

## Grant allocations were received from the following:

- Alinytjara Wilurara NRM - for rockhole recovery work in SA
- Australian Conservation Foundation
- CAF Australia
- Department for Communities and Families (SA) - Adelaide Film Producers Grant
- Department of Community Development (VIC) Volunteer Small Grants Program - for the South Melbourne Commons
- Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts - GVEHO program
- Friends of the Earth International
- Gary White Foundation
- Japanese for Peace
- MAPW/ICAN - support for Beyond Nuclear Initiative (BNI)
- Morris Family Foundation
- Planet Wheeler (Mukwano Project)
- The Poola Foundation (BNI)
- Sustainability Victoria - for South Melbourne Commons Community Ecohub
- Uni NSW environmental collective



## In kind support:

We would like to acknowledge all the individuals and organizations who have supported FoE Australia through in-kind support, such as donation of time, skills and food for our campaigns and projects over the 2010/11 financial year.

## Our bequest program

Thank you to our many members who have let us know that they are including FoE in their wills. Every gift, whether large or small, makes a real difference.

If you would like further information on remembering FoE in your will, see [www.foe.org.au/about-us/bequest](http://www.foe.org.au/about-us/bequest) or call Justin Butler in the Melbourne office: 03 9419 8700 (ext 23) or toll free 1300 852 081.

## FoE Australia Campaigns Team & Contacts

FoE Australia has groups in Adelaide, the Blue Mountains, Bridgetown (WA), Brisbane, Kuranda (Qld), Melbourne, South West WA, and Sydney. FoE Australia has offices in Adelaide, Brisbane, and Melbourne.

## Affiliate members:

- Reverse Garbage (Brisbane) is a not-for-profit workers' co-operative in Brisbane that collects high quality industrial discards, diverting them from landfill to sell them at low cost to the general public. [www.reversegarbage.com.au](http://www.reversegarbage.com.au)
- Food Irradiation Watch (Brisbane). Food Irradiation Watch (FI Watch) is a network of organizations, devoted to helping consumers make informed choices about what they eat. We are dedicated to raising consumer awareness of the practice of irradiating food in Australia. FI Watch is concerned about the food safety, social, economic and environmental impacts of irradiation. [www.foodirradiationinfo.org](http://www.foodirradiationinfo.org)
- In Our Nature - is a not-for-profit organisation, which is working on the Kitobo Colobus Project, located in southern Kenya near the border with Tanzania.
- Katoomba and Leura Climate Action Now. KLCAN is a group of community members working on climate change issues in the local area of the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains.
- Mukwano - Supporting Health Care in Organic Farming Communities
- Sustainable Energy Now. SEN is a grass roots organisation with a vision to demonstrate scenarios for Western Australia to reduce CO2 emissions and pollution in fixed electricity generation, by maximising our use of sustainable energy. SEN affiliated with FoEA in 2007.
- Tulele Peisa - "sailing the waves on our own"
- West Mallee protection. WMP emerged from an alliance between environmentalists and Kokatha Mula people who share concerns and see the need for positive action to protect the outback Ceduna region in South Australia.

## FoEA has national campaigns, projects & spokespeople in the following areas:

- Anti nuclear and clean energy
- Climate change
- Nanotechnology
- Chemicals and pesticides



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (AUSTRALIA) INC**  
**FRIENDS OF THE EARTH FUND**

#### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (AUSTRALIA) INC FRIENDS OF THE EARTH FUND** which comprises the balance sheet as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The management of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (AUSTRALIA) INC FRIENDS OF THE EARTH FUND** is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The management's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report on order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Management's financial reporting requirement. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Chartered Accountants

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JANET L. COLLYER FCPA  
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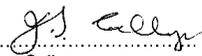
#### Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the relevant independence requirements.

#### Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (AUSTRALIA) INC FRIENDS OF THE EARTH FUND**

- (a) gives a true and fair view of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (AUSTRALIA) INC FRIENDS OF THE EARTH FUND's** financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1.

  
Janet Collyer  
**J L COLLYER & PARTNERS**

29<sup>th</sup> September 2011



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the members of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (AUSTRALIA) INC**

**Report on the Financial Report**

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

*Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the relevant independence requirements.



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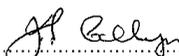
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*Auditor's Opinion*

In our opinion the financial report of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (AUSTRALIA) INC**

- (a) gives a true and fair view of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (AUSTRALIA) INC's** financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1.

  
Janet Collyer  
**J L COLLYER & PARTNERS**

29<sup>th</sup> September 2011