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| WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EDO ACT? |

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| **End of Financial Year Campaign**We have launched our End of Financial Year Campaign! The Environmental Defenders Office relies on your support to continue our work. [Please support us by making a tax-deductible donation to EDO before 30 June.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=20e0e50bf3&e=c1ab84dbe7) **Would you like to play a part in steering the future direction of the EDO ACT?**Though small, we are privileged to have a substantial membership base who support our work and the protection of the environment through the law. EDO ACT is growing and changing and we'd like to invite you to become a member of the EDO ACT. To find our more about membership, head to our [membership page](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=01db4bb5da&e=c1ab84dbe7). **What's on in the office**It's been a busy month in the office with three new volunteers joining our team. We are also excited to welcome two interns from the University of Canberra. Our volunteers will work on community legal education resources, law reform, legal research, and much more! A special thanks to Michael Misa who helped create this newsletter.https://m.qnetau.com/rc/program/resources/blocked.gif*One of our legal volunteers, Alec, hard at work.*  |

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| LOCAL NEWS |

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| **ACT Environment Grants Open**ACT Environment grants are delivered to support community-based projects with an environmental focus. Individuals and organisations are encouraged to apply. Applications close on the 28 June, 2018. More information can be found [here](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=aea11f6f1f&e=c1ab84dbe7).**Heavy hoofed animals and the impacts on Canberra's water supply catchment**ACT Parks and Conservation and scientists have expressed concern at the impacts of heavy hoofed animals such as feral horses and other European introduced pests such as pigs and deer. The ACT Parks and Conservation explained how these animals damage waterways, cause erosion, trample habitat. They threaten the water quality in the Murray-Darling Basin, and critically endangered species such as the northern corroboree frog. More information can be found [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=08568197f3&e=c1ab84dbe7)**Illegal fishing crackdown in ACT waterways**The ACT Government, along with the National Capital Authority and the Canberra Fisherman's Club have urged Canberrans to report sightings of illegal 'opera house' 'style fishing nets. Enclosed nets and traps of any kind are not permitted in Canberra's waterways because of the potential harm to native wildlife that can become stuck in the nets and drown. ACT Parks and Conservation began an enforcement blitz in local waterways last week. More information can be found [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=a23d3e7a51&e=c1ab84dbe7)**Container Deposit Scheme**A Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) will commence in the ACT on 30 June 2018. The CDS will reduce litter by providing a 10 cent refund for the recycling of eligible beverage containers. Under the CDS, you will be able to return your empty beverage containers to an approved collection point to receive a 10 cent refund. Most aluminium, glass, PET, HDPE, steel and liquid paperboard beverage containers between 150 millilitres and 3 litres will be eligible containers under the scheme. Similar schemes already exist in South Australia and the Northern Territory. NSW and Queensland will implement schemes in 2017 and 2018 respectively. For more information, click [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=5ef90b14d4&e=c1ab84dbe7) |

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| NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS |

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| **Ranger uranium mine closure**The EDOs in both NSW and the Northern Territory have been engaged by two environmental organisations to provide legal expertise and advice on the closure planning process for Ranger Uranium Mine near Jabiru in the Northern Territory. The mine's environmental obligations dictate that closure and rehabilitation must see the land returned to a quality that would allow it to be incorporated into Kakadu National Park, which completely surrounds the site. More information can be found [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=2e57ca5e04&e=c1ab84dbe7)**World Environment Day**The United Nations Environment Programme reported a massive success last week with World Environment Day. Hashtag engagement for #*BeatPlasticPollution* was off the charts – especially in China, where tagged posts appeared in front of some 230 million users on Weibo, China's largest social media platform. India made a huge announcement that the country will ban all single-use plastics by 2022.Across the globe, there were other great achievements to mark the day. South Sudan launched its first-ever comprehensive report on the state of the country's environment. Latin American countries also led the way – from widespread plastic bans to recycled goods, and volunteering efforts – including more than 1,000 volunteers in Peru who showed up to help clean up Carpayo Beach, one of the country's most polluted spots. The full report can be found [here](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=b4491fb1b0&e=c1ab84dbe7).**EDO Report: Next generation biodiversity laws**EDO NSW has prepared a report for [Humane Society International (HSI)](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=16ecba1123&e=c1ab84dbe7) which sets out the basic requirements for the introduction of next generation national biodiversity law in Australia. The report can be downloaded [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=72ffe9fb71&e=c1ab84dbe7)**Opportunity at EDO NSW**There is a job opportunity at EDO NSW for a Solicitor to work on Policy and Law Reform (see [here](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=d9b89723d6&e=c1ab84dbe7)). |

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| *This is a new addition to the newsletter, with the aim of providing updates on recent case law developments in environment and planning law.***ACAT refuses Coles development application in Dickson**In March, the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal reviewed a decision to approve a mixed-purpose development in the Dickson retail area. The proposal included a redevelopment of the Woolworths car park to make way for a Coles shopping outlet. The Tribunal found that the proposed development did not meet the criteria to provide an efficient, safe and attractive urban environment. Concerns were raised in relation to traffic and pedestrian safety, and in the preservation of the heritage listed Dickson Library. There was some controversy however, relating to the jurisdiction of the Tribunal and the authority to review certain aspects of the proposal. More information can be found [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=20be6e8799&e=c1ab84dbe7)   |

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| LAW REFORM AND POLICY WATCH |

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| **EDO ACT Submission to Nomination of Unnatural Fragmentation of Habitats as Key Threatening Process**This submission to the Scientific Committee outlines how listing unnatural habitat fragmentation as a key threatening process will help protect biodiversity in the ACT. Click[here](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=0e80df1d8e&e=c1ab84dbe7) to read the submission.**Submission to Legislative Council Inquiry into the Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 (NSW)**The NSW EDO made a submission to propose amendments to the Government Bill introduced to Parliament in order to better regulate forestry operations, both on private land (under the Private Native Forestry Codes and the *Local Land Services Act 2013*) and public land (under the *Forestry Act 2012* and Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals (IFOAs)). To read more, click [here](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=323e609ba4&e=c1ab84dbe7).**Bioregional assessments Hunter and Gloucester regions**Completed bioregional assessments for the Hunter and Gloucester regions were released last week by the Department of the Environment and Energy. Factsheets are available[here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=7671912ba6&e=c1ab84dbe7)**Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Bill 2018**The NSW Government passed legislation last week to protect feral horses: the *Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Bill 2018*. This is relevant given the proximity to the ACT and the potential impacts detailed (see above).The ABC wrote a report and interviewed experts- including ecologist David Watson, who quit his position as scientific advisor to the NSW Government in protest, saying that the Environment Minister Gabrielle Upton was showing a 'wilful disregard' for science. Professor Don Driscoll, an ecologist at Deakin University also explained how the population would explode without appropriate controls. The news article can be accessed[here](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=36ecdebad7&e=c1ab84dbe7). |

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| **Nature in Our City**The Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services invites submissions to its inquiry into the value of the natural environment to an urbanising Canberra. The Committee has extended the closing date for submissions to Friday, 29 June 2018. More information can be found[here](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=7881720288&e=c1ab84dbe7).**Inquiry into Engagement with Development Application Processes in the ACT**The Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal invites submissions into community engagement and participation in Development Application processes, including accessibility and effectiveness of those processes, compliance assessment and enforcement measures, and practices and principles used in other jurisdictions. The closing date for written submissions has been extended until Friday, 3 August 2018. For more information see [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=5146efdd97&e=c1ab84dbe7)**Waste Management in the ACT**The ACT Government is looking at ways to lift resource recovery from 70% to 90% within the ACT. The Roadmap to Improved Resource Recovery puts forward recommendations and initiatives to help drive change in the ACT community, businesses and waste industry. The ACT Government is seeking your views to inform implementation approaches of the roadmap recommendations. For more information click [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=71c1ae248d&e=c1ab84dbe7)**Heritage listing: Red Hill Historic Plantings**The plantings have been provisionally registered on the ACT Heritage Register for their connection to Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahoney Griffin's innovative plan to use colour to revegetate Canberra's hills. The ACT Heritage Council invites submissions - for more information see [here](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=453d345ad0&e=c1ab84dbe7). **Heritage listing: The Signadou and Blackfriars Precinct**The Signadou and Blackfriars Precinct has been provisionally registered on the ACT Heritage Register for its contribution to educational development in the ACT and its role in the local history of the Catholic Church. The ACT Heritage Council invites submissions - for more information see [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=62eab1d2fb&e=c1ab84dbe7) **Development Applications Open for Comment**Here are some key development applications currently open for comment:* **Bruce:**Proposal for demolition of existing commercial buildings on Thynne Street. For more information click [here](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=20e46967ca&e=c1ab84dbe7)
* **Campbell:**Proposal for mixed-use commercial and residential development. For more information click [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=e3586c544f&e=c1ab84dbe7)
* **Casey:**Proposal for estate development plan. For more information click [here](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=c8688ea2d3&e=c1ab84dbe7).
* **Dickson:**Proposal for multi-unit development and lease variation. For more information click [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=4d712cc425&e=c1ab84dbe7)
* **Garran:**Amendment to development application including removal of regulated trees. For more information click [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=50c4aaede1&e=c1ab84dbe7)
* **Macgregor:**Proposal for a new childcare centre. For more information click [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=4df58afce1&e=c1ab84dbe7)
* **Nicholls:**Proposal for a new temple, landscaping and associated works. For more information click [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=d856234944&e=c1ab84dbe7)
* **Watson:**Proposal for milti unit development. For more information click [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=96037bd3bf&e=c1ab84dbe7)

To view the full list for development applications, click [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=d49e0b3115&e=c1ab84dbe7) |

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| **EDO ACT Event: Women in Environmental Leadership | 4 July**The EDO ACT is excited to host an event for women in environment. Whether government, private, academic, creative or not-for-profit - join us for a friendly networking event. You will hear from fascinating women, meet like-minded people, and leave feeling inspired and engaged. Join us at 5.30pm on July 4 at First Edition, Novotel (65 Northbourne Ave). For more information, click [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=a15f50c030&e=c1ab84dbe7) |

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| **Bird Species of Black Mountain | 19 June**A presentation on the Nocturnal and Threatened Bird Species of Black Mountain. It is open to the public by gold coin donation. If you would like to come please notify friendsofblackmountain@gmail.com**Energy Change Institute Open Day 2018 by ANU Energy Change Institute | 19 June**Showcasing the latest energy research from ANU and providing a platform for exchanging ideas for ANU researchers, industry, government agencies and other energy stakeholders. More information can be found [here](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=abb8c25179&e=c1ab84dbe7).**Fossil fuel freedom | 21 June**Experienced environmental specialist Dave Southgate speaks on his family's experience of transitioning away from fossil-based fuels by maximising solar PV production and use. Free admission, more information available [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=2465ea68ad&e=c1ab84dbe7)**Doing Biosensitivity | 14 & 23 June**A workshop series held at the ANU on integrating humans and ecosystems in the real world.  Those interested are invited to RSVP to projects@fennerfoundation.org.au**ACT Woodlands Forum 2018 | 27-28 June**The ACT Woodlands Forum will bring together, scientists, researchers, practitioners and community groups to share knowledge and learnings about woodlands and woodland species in our region. This is a free event, however places are limited so registration is required. More information is available via the facebook event found [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=8ab8e6fff2&e=c1ab84dbe7)**Changes in Canberra's Urban Forum: Plainning for the Future | 28 June**Canberra is undergoing some rapid changes. This IGPA Public Lecture will discuss the social, economic and environmental impacts of the planning policies underpinning these changes, and the extent to which they are commensurate with developments in technology, research in the relevant disciplines, and sound planning principles. For more information, click [here.](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=22afb6a67a&e=c1ab84dbe7)**Events at the Canberra Environment Centre**There are a range of exciting upcoming events at the Canberra Environment Centre – from making sustainable clothing, to going Solar, growing mushrooms at home and much more! Check out their facebook events page [here](https://edoact.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7c273e3ebe3ceafe217bf6e0&id=3027ae6e86&e=c1ab84dbe7). |

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