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THE ENVIRONMENTAL
DEFENDER'S OFFICE

A public interest
community legal centre
for the ENVIRONMENT

YOU AND THE EDO

1 CALL our free environmental law advice line
9262 6989 (Sydney office)
1-800-626-239 (NSW)
Tuesdays-Thursdays 2.30-5.30pm

2 VISIT OUR WEBSITE at
www.nsw.edo.org.au
for Environmental Law Fact Sheets,
policy submissions and more...

3 SUBSCRIBE to our free weekly
email bulletin at www.nsw.edo.org.au

If you require the assistance of an interpreter
please call TIS National on 131 450 and ask
to speak with the Environmental Defender's
Office on 9262 6989.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

By becoming a Friend of the EDO you can
help us help communities across the state
to protect the environment.

Donations, bequests, in kind support
and voluntary services are all welcome.

Please download the form at
www.edo.org.au/edonsw/site/supportus.php
or contact our office on:

02 9262 6989 or
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDER'S OFFICE CAN HELP YOU TOO.

When South Coast residents and Conservation groups wanted to stop a charcoal smelter at Mogo from burning native forests, they turned to the Environmental Defender's Office.

When Collingwood Bay landowners and local non-government organisations in Papua New Guinea wanted to protect 38,000 hectares of forests from logging, they turned to the Environmental Defender's Office.

When a broad coalition of environmental groups wanted quality advice on reforms to end broad scale land clearing, they turned to the Environmental Defender's Office.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDER'S OFFICE

REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST

The Environmental Defender's Office (EDO) is an independent community legal centre that helps individuals and community groups working to protect the built and natural environment.

LEGAL ADVICE AND CASE WORK

We can provide expert advice to residents and campaigners on a wide range of urban and rural environmental, development and related issues. The EDO has expertise in the areas of landscape conservation, water quality and usage, pollution, forestry, mining, contaminated land, wildlife protection and planning issues.

The EDO provides a free legal advice through the Environmental Law Advice Line. Call between 2.30-5.30pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

INFLUENCING LAW REFORM

The EDO provides policy advice on a regular basis. We work with community groups, environmental groups and government to improve State and Commonwealth laws and policies that affect the environment.

EDO'S SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR

The EDO aims to increase public participation in environmental decision making by providing expert scientific and technical advice. Our inhouse Scientific Advisor:

- Provides a case management service
- Maintains a register of experts
- Provides scientific advice
- Contributes to our education programme

COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

Our community education program aims to inspire people to use the law to protect the environment, and better understand how systems work.

The EDO produces environmental law materials written in plain English, runs community workshops, and conducts seminars and conferences on key issues to promote law reform and the implementation of new laws.

"It's obvious you guys really know what you are talking about and are able to communicate it in a way a layman can understand"

– Workshop participant
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The EDO's free fact sheets cover a diverse range of environmental law topics. You can find them at www.edo.org.au/edonsw/site/factsheets.php