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DEFENDER'S OFFICE
(NSW)

Engaging early
and effectively -
CASE MANAGEMENT

YOU AND THE EDO

1 CALL our free environmental law advice line
9262 6989 (Sydney)
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
1-800-6262-239 or
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REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST

The Environmental Defender's Office is an independent Community Legal Centre that specialises in matters that affect the environment or your community.

We can help with legal advice and representation, scientific expertise, submission writing and policy support, as well as hosting workshops.

We are interested in good environmental outcomes and want to work with clients to achieve these. In particular, we can help with the following:

EARLY ENGAGEMENT AND INTERVENTION

Many people seek legal advice only when a matter has come to a head. By this stage, crucial decisions may have been made and positions entrenched.

If, however, you contact us early enough, the EDO team may be able to help to resolve a matter through policy support, mediation or even a workshop to help galvanise action and understanding of the legal, planning and technical issues such as access to information, defamation and submission writing.

MANAGING YOUR MATTER

Many issues may evolve into community campaigns incorporating letter writing, submissions, meetings with Ministers and bureaucrats and protest action.

The EDO can help you with these issues through our mix of legal, political and scientific skills. For example, our scientific advisory service is designed to make it easier for clients to engage in the consultation process.

Our lawyers can assess the legal issues while our in-house scientific advisor can look into technical issues.

MERITS CASES

Many high impact developments allow for community groups to appeal against the merits of a matter – whether it should go ahead or not.

The EDO may be able to provide legal advice and representation in such matters.

We may also be able to provide free expert advice on these matters through our scientific advisory service.

You should contact us on (02) 9262 6989 or 1-800-626-339.