

THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY SERVICE

The EDO established a scientific advisory service in 2003 with the role of providing objective scientific and technical advice to the EDO and our clients on public interest environmental matters.

The advisory service comprises:

1. Two in-house environmental scientists.
2. A Technical Advisory Panel, which comprises academic experts who provide strategic advice to the EDO on scientific issues on a pro-bono basis.
3. An Expert Register, which comprises scientific and technical experts in a range of fields who assist the EDO from time to time on a pro-bono basis.

HOW TO JOIN THE EXPERT REGISTER

Further information on the EDO Expert Register and an application form to join can be found at www.edo.org.au/edonsw/site/science.php

If you would like to discuss the Expert Register further, please feel free to contact the Scientific Director.

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ABOUT THE EDO

The EDO is a non-profit community legal centre specialising in public interest environmental law.

We help individuals and community groups who are working to protect the natural and built environment.

We work in four main areas:

1. Legal advice and litigation;
2. Policy and law reform;
3. Community programs, including education; and
4. Scientific review and advice.



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Joining the EDO's
Expert Register



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The EDO is seeking scientific and technical experts with 10 or more years experience in a range of fields to join the EDO's Expert Register.

PhD students are also encouraged to apply.

The EDO is also seeking to develop relationships with research organisations and environmental consultancies interested in doing pro-bono work.

ABOUT THE EXPERT REGISTER

The Expert Register is a list of scientific experts who are willing to assist the EDO with public interest environmental matters on a pro bono basis.

The Expert Register is a vital part of the EDO's scientific advisory service. A key aim of the service is to increase the public's capacity to participate effectively in the environmental planning and development assessment process.

The Expert Register includes academics, government scientists, consultants, and PhD students in a range of fields including planning, ecology, hydrology, water, air, noise and soil pollution, engineering, public health and economics.

Your role and obligations

The role of the Expert Register is to provide the EDO and our clients with objective scientific and technical advice.

The EDO will contact you if we think you can assist us. Once you know the details of the matter, you are free to decline to assist. We understand that you are busy or may have conflicts of interest in a matter.

You are free to stand down from the Expert Register at any time.

The amount of work involved

You will generally only be asked to assist on a matter once or twice a year or less, and each request will typically require a few hours or less of your time.

The type of work involved

You may be asked to provide oral advice, written advice, a written review of a document or part of a document, or occasionally expert evidence in Court, if you choose.

You will not be asked to assist with trivial matters or matters outside your area of expertise. You will only be asked to assist with public interest matters of genuine merit.

The type of work you may be asked to assist with includes:

- 1. Pre-decision work** – advice on the impacts of proposed developments and the adequacy of environmental impact assessments;
- 2. Compliance and monitoring work** – advice on the compliance of developments and actions with conditions of approval or regulatory requirements;
- 3. Policy and law reform work** – advice on the scientific aspects of government policy and EDO's priority law reform areas;
- 4. Community education work** – assistance with EDO's technical fact sheets and presentations at EDO seminars and workshops;
- 5. Expert evidence in Court**, if you choose.

The benefits of joining

For individuals

1. Free subscription to IMPACT, a topical national environmental law journal;
2. Opportunities to keep abreast of developments in environmental law and policy through:
 - a. Free admission to EDO seminars and workshops; and
 - b. Subscription to the EDO's weekly e-bulletin;
3. Opportunities to apply your knowledge and skills in the public interest and to help people with limited access to resources;
4. Opportunities to engage in environmental policy and law reform work and community education work;
5. Opportunities to be involved in our international program and the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (E-LAW); and
6. Opportunities to network with other experts and members of the legal profession.

For companies

1. Positive public exposure for your company;
2. The opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to good corporate citizenship and high standards in environmental planning and assessment; and
3. The chance to participate in a range of public interest and other opportunities not normally available in most organisations, which may help attract and retain staff.