

BIODIVERSITY LAW

TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT GROUPS

Presented by EDO Victoria

WORKSHOP PURPOSE

The Environment Defenders Office (Victoria) Ltd (EDO) provides legal advice and representation to individuals and community groups working to protect the environment.

The purpose of the EDO Biodiversity Law workshops is to enhance the capacity of individuals and community-based conservation groups to understand the legal and policy framework relevant to the conservation work they perform.

WORKSHOP CONTENT

The program is flexible and topics can be tailored to meet the needs and interests of workshop attendees.

Topics can include (but are not limited to):

- An overview of Victorian and Commonwealth legislation such as the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* and the EPBC Act.
- Other legislation and policy frameworks relevant to biodiversity conservation including Australia's international commitments under the Convention on Biodiversity, Ramsar etc.
- Protection of habitat under planning schemes.
- An opportunity for critical evaluation of the operation of Victorian and Commonwealth legislation and needs or opportunities for reform.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you or your group is interested in attending or hosting a workshop in your region, please contact the EDO office on (03) 8341 3100 or edovic@edo.org.au

WORKSHOP FORMAT

- Workshops are presented by EDO lawyers who will deliver a full day program from 10am to 4pm.
- Each participant receives a folder of written materials that contains key documents and examples that can be referred to throughout the workshop but that also forms a "take-home resource" for future reference.
- The workshop is based around a presentation with plenty of opportunity and encouragement for questions and participation in discussion by workshop attendees.
- A maximum of 15 to 20 participants is the most effective in terms of generating discussion while still getting through the program.
- Morning, lunch and afternoon breaks provide opportunities for networking.

EVENT DETAILS

- Attendance is restricted to community and environment groups and their members.
- A small fee will be charged to each attendee to cover costs for materials and travel if required. Payable by cash or cheque only.
- Attendees bring/buy own lunch.