



# ANNUAL REPORT **2018**

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# AT A GLANCE

**The EDO ACT is a not-for-profit community legal centre specialising in public interest environmental law.**

**We help individuals and the community use the law to protect the environment through:**

## **ADVICE**

We provide legal advice and representation on environmental law matters to individuals and community groups.

## **REFORM**

We deliver law reform submissions on issues affecting the environment.

## **EDUCATION**

We educate the community about environmental laws by producing legal education resources for the general public to use.



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# OUR PURPOSE

# OUR VISION

To empower the community to protect the environment through the law.

# OUR MISSION

To provide a community legal aid service on environmental and related matters to persons whose interests should be pursued as a matter of public interest, with consideration of their financial means.



# OBJECTIVES



**To provide a legal service to  
the community for  
environmental issues.**

**To pursue matters in the  
public interest.**

**To ensure the effective  
operation of EDO ACT.**

# SNAPSHOT



# Legal Practice

**14**

clients  
(individuals and  
community groups)

**Over 90**

Services (e.g. advices,  
referrals, tasks)  
undertaken on a  
range of topics

**5**

policy  
submissions

**2**

information  
sessions

**19**

community  
events

## Top 5 issues addressed in 2017-2018

1. Planning and development
2. Heritage
3. Biodiversity
4. Government processes and administration
5. Tree protection



# Supporters

Facebook followers (2017-2018)

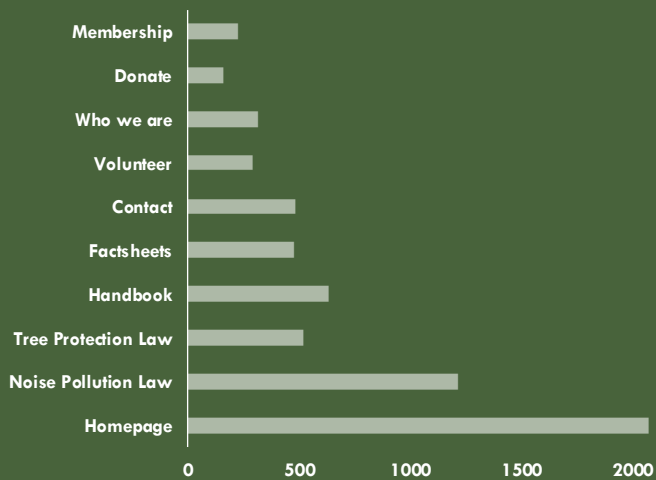
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892 (30 Jun 2017) to 948 (1 Jul 2018) to 1000 (present 24 Oct 2018)

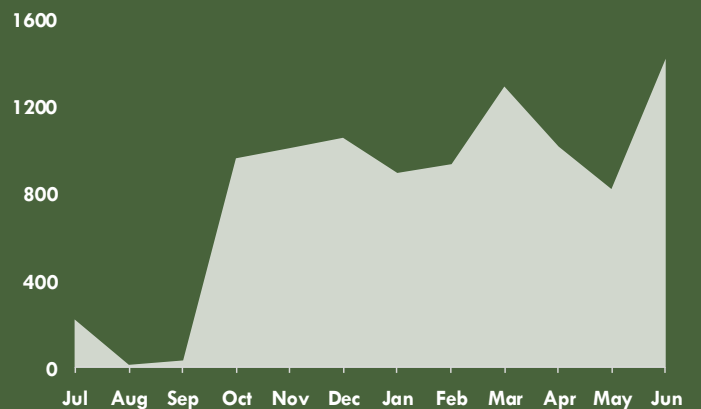
Total website visits (2017-2018)

9690

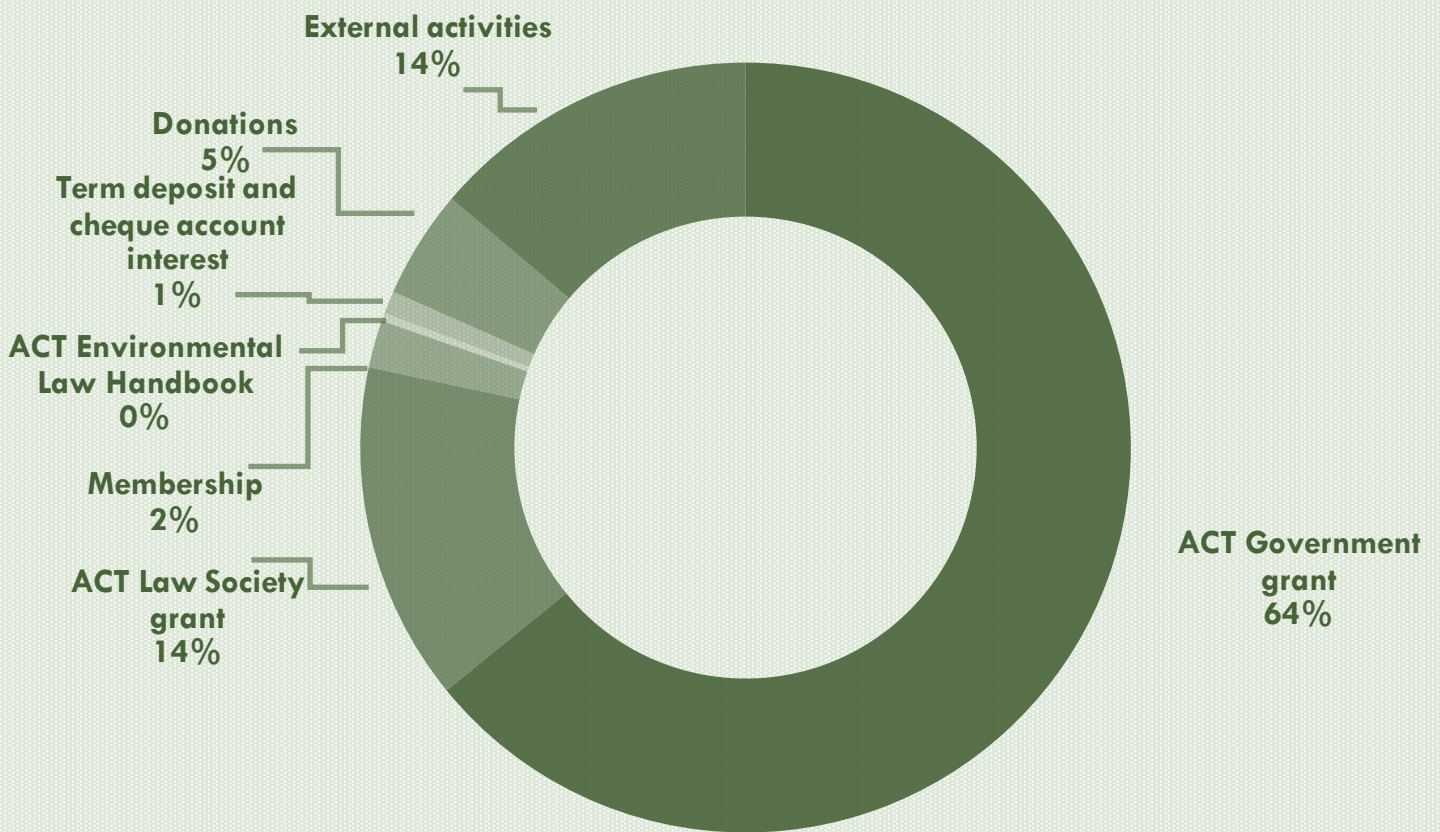
Number of page views according to webpage



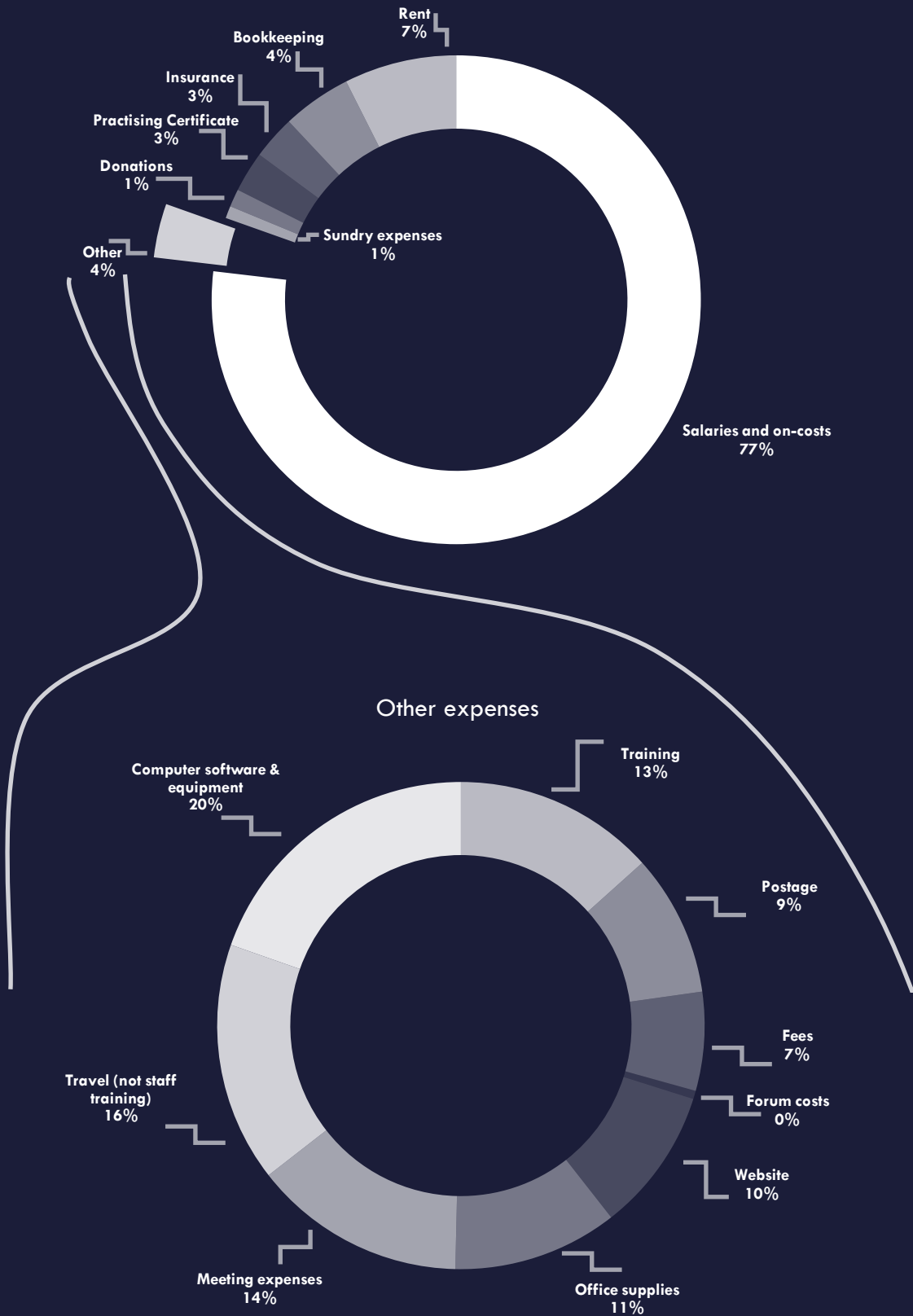
Page views per month



# Where does our money come from?



# How do we spend our money?







Stephanie Booker speaking at the Women's Environmental Leadership Australia (WELA) program



Left: Stephanie Booker, CEO and Principal Solicitor  
Right: Nicola Silbert, Policy and Communications Lawyer



ANU Environmental Law Clinic students on an Aboriginal Cultural Tour on Mt Majura. Photo: Tyrone Bell



ANU Environmental Law Clinic students from Semester 2, 2018.  
Photo: Nicola Silbert



EDO ACT on the panel at the Environment and Sustainability Careers Night at ANU, September 2018  
Photo: Karen Khoo



# From the Chair

The EDO ACT plays an important role in the checks and balances of legal and daily life within the Territory. Whether it is a personal fencing, tree, water or noise issue, or where community groups need assistance in appraising decision-makers of the effects of proposed developments, or in informing government of the environmental implications of new laws, the EDO ACT has and will continue to provide legal assistance.

Running up to the 2016 election, with no new funding and our resources dwindling, the spectre of closure was becoming increasingly real. However, promised support from the returned Barr Government came to the fore, and allowed us to continue operating into the near future. Longer term, there are ongoing discussions to create a stronger national identity which could assist with greater and more varied sources of funding.

With our existence secured, Camilla Taylor, our CEO and principal solicitor, moved on to greener pastures. The Committee wishes to thank Camilla for her presence, leadership, and commitment to the EDO ACT and the environment. Camilla weathered the day-to-day pressures and the turbulence about its continuing existence, while continuing to support the ACT community. In her place, we welcomed Stephanie Booker. With experience from the EDO NT and internationally, Stephanie comes well-regarded, and has quickly and easily taken on the demanding dual roles of manager and lawyer.

The more people who know the services provided by the EDO ACT, the better the lives of all Canberrans. However, by its nature, and without celebrated environmental issues, it is hard for people to know of the EDO ACT's existence. Often people only learn of it at the time of a dispute; sometimes, sadly, only after-

wards. To address this, and with the renewed funding, the Committee was able to welcome Nicola Silbert to provide policy, communications and support. As a solicitor, Nicola also adds presence to the EDO's primary purpose.

As a non-profit, the EDO-ACT has a board, the "Committee", which, in accordance with the its aims, determines strategic directions and ensures that money is spent responsibly. Its members give their time freely and generously. Since the last report, Deb Nesbitt and Gaby Ho have left, and we thank them for their efforts and contributions to the Committee and the EDO ACT. Recently, Roland Manderson has stepped down as Chairperson, and Lee Nelson will step down as Treasurer after more than 9 years in the position. The Committee thanks Roland and Lee for their incredible commitment to the EDO ACT.

The EDO ACT does not - and cannot - run by its employees alone. Roland and I thank everybody for their contributions: the Committee members, the staff, and most importantly, the volunteers who selflessly support it. We also wish to thank the ongoing commitment from Legal Aid ACT and its CEO, John Boersig. Finally, we thank the commitment from the ACT Government, its departments, staff, Parliamentarians, Chief Minister Barr, and Minister Rattenbury, whose policies allowed us to continue our important work.

The law exists to serve people - not to stop new things, but to make sure they are done properly, and the EDO ACT exists to help Territorians make sure this applies to their environment.

Karl Goiser, Acting Chair  
Roland Manderson, Chair





# FROM THE CEO

It's been an exciting 12 months at the EDO ACT. The office has seen huge changes: the departure of our long-running CEO and Principal Solicitor, Camilla Taylor, in February, after 6 years in the role; my commencement in this role, having spent the last 2 years on the Committee of EDO NT, and working with communities on the African continent and the Northern Territory in the 6 years before that; and the creation of a new role, our Policy and Communications director/lawyer, filled by Nicola Silbert, an outstanding junior policy lawyer and communications extraordinaire. Our office has enjoyed stability in the last 12 months, thanks to the ACT Government's important commitment to fund the office in 2016. As a result of this funding, our capacity has increased substantially – in the last 12 months with 2 part time staff, we performed our core functions to provide good quality legal advice and representation to individuals and communities in the ACT, to engage in law reform and policy submissions based on recognised good practice, and to help make the law more accessible by providing community legal education materials so that people can help themselves.

The EDO ACT plays an important role in the protection of

the environment in the ACT and surrounds, through the provision of evidence-based, level headed legal services. This is, without a doubt, incredibly important work. The ACT leads the way in its emission reduction targets, but our expanding urban footprint undoubtedly impacts on the natural environment, including vulnerable biodiversity, unique waterways and other ecosystems, indigenous and other cultural heritage. We are proud to live in “the bush capital” and many individuals and community groups seek to ensure that the ACT retains this characteristic, in a balance with future developments. The EDO ACT is the only community legal service in the ACT working to provide access to justice in public interest environmental law to communities and individuals. We are the only option they have – often coming up against parties with substantial resources at their disposal. It is essential that we continue to perform our functions and the best way to protect the environment, to sustain a healthy environment for current and future generations is to ensure that there are, in place, strong laws that work together for good environmental outcomes, and that those laws are followed.

Our work comes with its own challenges, but the EDO



ACT has enjoyed, and continues to enjoy, broad support in the community for our work. This is illustrated not only in the funding from the EDO ACT a substantial increase in donations in our end of financial year appeal, but by the continued support of:

**The ACT Government:** The EDO ACT have received a commitment to funding the office until 30 June 2019. We are grateful for this support, and look forward to support in the years to come.

**Legal Aid ACT:** We are co-located with Legal Aid ACT, and have recently moved into a bigger office to accommodate our growing team. We are extremely grateful to Legal Aid ACT for its ongoing generous support including provision of IT and communication services, to Legal Aid ACT's CEO, Dr John Boersig PSM, who has made our new team very welcome and to Ashish Madan for his ongoing IT expertise.

**The Australian National University:** During the 2017-18 year, the EDO ACT worked with the ANU to run one environmental law clinic in semester 2, 2017. We are grateful to Professor Dr Tony Foley, Professor Peta Spender and Dr Anthony Hopkins for their ongoing support of this inval-

uable clinic.

**ACT Law Society:** The EDO ACT was pleased to receive funding from the ACT Law Society's Statutory Interest Account. We are extremely grateful for this ongoing support.

**EDO Members and Supporters:** Last but certainly not least, we would like to thank our members, supporters and generous donors for their continued support. Our end of financial year appeal saw a tripling of donations to the EDO ACT. We have also received significant support in-kind. We are extremely grateful.

Looking back at 2017/2018, we are immensely proud of the work that we have done to protect the environment in the ACT and supports. We are a small organisation, but we are a formidable one. Enjoy our 2017-18 EDO ACT Annual Report.

Stephanie Booker  
Principal Solicitor and CEO



# From the Treasurer

One of the fundamental responsibilities of any Management Committee is to monitor the financial performance of the organisation. The EDO ACT is continually reviewing and improving its financial reporting strategies and systems to enable the Committee to make pro-active decisions about expenditure of income in line with its strategic directions. Key goals this financial year were:

- creating transparency around the true costs of providing services, and
- providing meaningful information in response to CEO and Committee needs.

The 2017-18 financial year generated a deficit of \$25,162 – a decrease from last year's surplus of \$42,883. Despite the deficit, the organisation is currently in a healthy position, with total equity at June 2018 at \$123,995. However, funding is considered to be tight in the long term and the Committee continues its commitment to use excess funds to improve communications with Stake-holders, fundraising and updating essential operating equipment.

The ACT Government continues to provide the EDO ACT with its core funding, supported by grants from the ACT Law Society and other contracted activities. Last but not least, contributions from the community have increased largely due to the efforts by our Policy and Communications Law-

yer, Nicola Silbert. These donations go a long way to keeping the office active. We look forward to continuing our productive relationship with all our partners, our funders and our members.

We move into 2018-19 with a balanced budget reflecting conservative decisions by the CEO and Committee. Judicious consideration in the employment of the organisation's equity will continue to be a key concern within the organisation.

The Committee and staff are committed to finding new avenues of funding for the EDO ACT. Submissions will continue to be made to governments and relevant organisations for increases in recurrent funding for services, and fundraising will continue to be an important component of our funding strategy.

As Treasurer, I would like to express my gratitude for the commitment of our members, volunteers and staff, without whose support for the organisation and dedication to defending the environment, we could not continue to operate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jason Parsons, the EDO ACT Office Administrator, for his support in all things financial over the past year.

Lee Nelson  
Treasurer





# CASE STUDIES

# A taste of our client work

Planning and development – At a time of rapid development and growth in the ACT, the majority of our services involve assisting community groups and individuals concerned with development processes.

We have assisted 12 clients to have their voice heard where development impacts the natural environment. This involves assistance with writing submissions, engaging with decision-makers, and going to the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Biodiversity protection – The ACT and surrounds are home to unique biodiversity, which our clients seek to protect. We have

provided legal advice and representation to 6 clients on biodiversity issues – including speaking with scientific experts and supporting our clients' to draft letters and legal documents.

Government processes and administration – In a small jurisdiction, the importance of transparent, independent and correct government administration is essential. We have helped 17 clients with freedom of information requests, letters to government and advice on keeping government decision-makers accountable.

## Legal education for the community

The EDO ACT was asked by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal to produce 9 new factsheets, ranging from tree protection, to neighbourhood disputes, to self-represented litigants. We are excited to launch these factsheets in late 2018. We have also been busily updating the factsheets on the EDO ACT website – including new factsheets on independent bodies in the ACT, defamation, and non-violent direct action.

From April 2018, the EDO ACT newsletter is now monthly (in the past, it was quarterly). Monthly newsletters are important for keeping the community updated on the latest environmental law news. We have also changed the look of the newsletter and included a case summary section, which contains the most relevant recent environmental law cases in the ACT and surrounds.



# Making our environmental laws stronger

On 22 March 2018, the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal announced its inquiry into Engagement with Development Application Processes in the ACT. The wide-ranging inquiry is examining community engagement, accessibility, and participation with the DA process; in addition to the DA track system and compliance assessment and enforcement measures.

The EDO ACT provides information, advice and support to many community groups and individuals about the DA process and was well-placed to submit a substantial submission to the Inquiry. The EDO ACT made several recommendations to allow for stronger environmental protections, community participation, and accessibility measures throughout the DA process.

As a result of the EDO ACT written submission, the EDO staff were invited to give

oral evidence at the Standing Committee. We received positive feedback from the Committee members, who said that they appreciated our legal perspective and detailed recommendations. In addition, community groups thanked the EDO ACT for reflecting their experiences in our submission.

Following giving evidence at the Inquiry, the EDO ACT received new requests for advice from community members who had heard of us through the inquiry. The Committee will report on its findings by the last Assembly sitting day in November this year.

- The EDO ACT has made 5 law reform or policy submissions to the ACT government this year.
- We have also contributed on a national law reform through APEEL .



# EDO ACT: out and about

The EDO ACT has increased our community engagement in the past year attending 19 community events. These include markets at the Canberra Community Farm, speaking at the Housing Choices Hub, and an event by the Australian Youth Climate Coalition.

We have also run our own events for the community. Stephanie was a participant in the 2018 Women in Environmental Leadership Australia (WELA), a training program designed to address the under-representation of women in leadership roles in Australia's environment movement. The EDO ACT took the opportunity to launch a "Women in Environment" event, in which we invited women working in the environmental field to a social gathering. Almost thirty people joined us to listen to women from legal, scientific, and NGO backgrounds explain how they work to

protect the environment. The event has prompted a network of women to host similar events across Canberra and is an indication of our leadership within the broader community.

The EDO ACT has been proud to run an environmental law clinical program with the Australian National University (ANU) for many years. The clinic gives students the opportunity to experience working in the EDO while they study the latest in environmental law issues. In addition to the ANU clinic, for the first time this year the EDO ACT also offered an opportunity to University of Canberra students. Over the winter break, the EDO ACT hosted two UC interns, who assisted with client work, law reform research and our updated fact-sheets. We are excited to continue offering opportunities to students from both the UC and the ANU.

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Environmental Defenders' Office (ACT)  
Statement of Financial Performance**

As of June 30, 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Commonwealth Grants</b>		
ACT Grants	64,991.67	58,979.00
Law Society ACT grant	14,400.00	14,814.00
Cheque Account Interest	15.60	2.00
Term Deposit Interest	950.85	368.00
Membership	2,019.68	40.00
Donations	4,609.79	9,396.00
Fundraising	-	-
ACT Environmental Law Handbook	351.82	150.00
External Activities	14,000.00	28,000.00
Other Income	911.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>102,250.41</u>	<u>11,749.00</u>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<u>102,250.41</u>	<u>11,749.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Leave Taken To Be Cleared	-	1,538.00
Salaries Solicitor Paid	88,680.67	48,269.00
Provision Solicitor Rec Leave	-	2,256.00
Super Expense EDO Staff	9,261.28	4,560.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	2,954.00	716.00
Rent	9,468.00	1,658.00
Training	405.09	1,251.00
Office Supplies	331.77	78.00
Postage	285.54	269.00
Donations	1,500.00	-
Printing - Publications	-	223.00
Insurance (not Workers' Comp)	732.00	82.00
Audit	90.91	100.00
Bank Fees	56.80	53.00
Registrar General Fees	42.00	41.00
Bookkeeping	5,812.96	4,714.00
Membership Fees	677.27	385.00
Practising Certificate	3,430.24	414.00
Travel (Not Staff Training)	482.44	-
Advertising and Publicity	-	-
Office Overheads	832.74	-
Meeting Expenses	427.91	672.00
Sundry Expenses	1,038.65	-
Forum Costs	16.62	-
Computer Software & Equipment	595.27	1,022.00
Website	289.90	372.00
D'pn Computer Equipment	-	193.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>127,412.06</u>	<u>68,866.00</u>
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<u>- 25,161.65</u>	<u>42,883.00</u>
<b>Net Surplus/(Loss)</b>	<u>-25,161.65</u>	<u>42,883.00</u>



## Environmental Defenders' Office (ACT) Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2018

	2018	2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	149,522.48	76,339.00
Trade and other receivables	27.27	93,500.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>149,549.75</u>	<u>169,839.00</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	-	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>149,549.75</u>	<u>169,839.00</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	16,751.82	9,596.00
Employee benefits	3,795.00	3,795.00
Other financial liabilities	-	-
Other liabilities	5,008.33	70,000.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u>25,555.15</u>	<u>83,391.00</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>25,555.15</u>	<u>83,391.00</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>123,994.60</u>	<u>86,448.00</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Retained earnings	62,708.25	86,448.00
Adjustments to Conversion	61,286.35	
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>123,994.60</u>	<u>86,448.00</u>



**Environmental Defenders' Office (ACT)**  
**Cashflow Statement**  
As of June 30, 2018

	2018	2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers	185,469.47	89,345.48
Payments to suppliers	- 112,184.99	- 59,723.00
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>73,284.48</u>	<u>29,622.48</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	- 193.00
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	<u>                    </u>	<u>- 193.00</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	73,284.48	29,429.48
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	76,238.00	49,805.00
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	<u><u>149,522.48</u></u>	<u><u>79,234.48</u></u>



## **Environmental Defender's Office ACT**

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The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

### **Basis of preparation**

In the officers' opinion, the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the New South Wales legislation Associations Incorporation Act 2009, the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and associated regulations. The officers have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the users.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and do not take into account changing monetary values. The accrual and going concern basis have been adopted.

### **Income tax**

As the incorporated association is a not-for-profit organisation, it has been granted exemption from the Commissioner of Taxation for payment of income tax.

### **Revenue recognition**

Donations are recognised at the time the pledge is made.

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Grants and subsidies are recognised as income over the period to which they relate.

### **Depreciation of property, plant and equipment**

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line and diminishing value basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over its expected useful life. Estimates of remaining useful lives are made on a regular basis for all assets, with annual reassessments for major items.

### **Trade and other payables**

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a present (legal or constructive) obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable the entity will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties

### **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included in BAS receivable or BAS payable.





## Auditors certification

(A) I am not a principal, member, shareholder, officer, employee or accountant of the organisation or of a related body corporation as defined in section 9 of the corporation's act 2001;

(B) in my opinion, the attached financial statements for Environmental Defenders Office (ACT) which comprise a statement of financial position, a statement of financial performance, a statement of cash flows, and notes to the financial statements of the above-mentioned organization (the organisation) for the stated financial year period are:

- 1) based on proper accounts and present fairly in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, and
- 2) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the organisation and the Commonwealth of Australia dated 1 October 2005, a copy of which has been made available to me, in relation to the provision of community legal services.

(C) the fourth quarter CLSIS funds report, containing details of the organizations transactions for the financial year, including audit adjustments, and the organizations grant position at the beginning and end of the financial year is provided in respect of the funds provided in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement referred to in B(2) above for all funding categories.

This is an unqualified audit report.

Unless written under separate cover, I hereby further certify that, in my opinion, there is no conflict of interest between myself and the organization or its management committee.

### Auditors Details

Full Name:	Gary Williams
Name of Company	Rosenfeld Kant & Co
ABN Number	74 057 092 046
Registered Auditor	Yes
Registered No	4019

Signature

Date: 11 October 2018





# Certificate of Compliance

This Schedule is established in respect of the 2017-2018 Financial Year

Organisation: Environment Defenders' Office (ACT) Inc.

Contact Officer: Stephanie Booker, Telephone: 6243 3460

The above-named Organisation certifies that:

- (i) The Funds have been used for the purpose for which they were provided;
- (ii) The Terms and Conditions of this Agreement have been met; and
- (iii) The Audited Financial Statements in respect of the Funds have been certified by a person who is registered as an auditor in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and are attached; and
- (iv) Salaries and allowances paid to people employed using the Funds are in accordance with award salary rates or the general rates in force at the Organisation.

SIGNED for and on behalf of the  
Environment Defenders' Office (ACT) Inc.



by Karl Goiser



in the presence of Lee Nelson

19 November 2018



## Committee's report

Your committee members submit the financial statements of the Environmental Defenders Office (ACT) Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

### Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the financial period and at the date of this report are:

K Chambers	1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018
K Golser	1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018
G Ho	1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018
D Nesbitt	1 July 2017 - 7 July 2017
J Parsons	1 July 2017 - 21 November 2017
R Manderson	1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018
L Nelson	1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018
S Murdoch	23 August 2017—30 June 2018
G Miles	23 August 2017—30 June 2018
B Chalmers	19 April 2018 - 30 June 2018

### Principal Activity

The principal activity of the Environmental Defender's Office (ACT) Inc. during the financial period has been the provision of a public legal aid service on environmental matters.

### Significant Changes

The Environmental Defenders Office (ACT) recruited a new Principal Solicitor and Chief Executive Officer, Stephanie Booker, and a new Policy and Communications Director, Nicola Silbert. No other significant change has occurred in the nature of the Environmental Defender's Office (ACT) Inc.'s activities during the financial period.

### Operating Result

The operating profit NIL.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



Karl Golser  
Committee member (Acting Chair)  
19 November 2018



Lee Nelson  
Committee member (Treasurer)  
19 November 2018





# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

# Thanks to supporters of EDO ACT

## **Counsel & Chambers:**

Key Chambers  
Seyi Onitiri

## **Law firms and lawyers:**

Legal Aid ACT  
Dr John Boersig  
Environmental Defenders Office NSW  
Environmental Defenders Office Tasmania  
Environmental Justice Australia  
Environmental Defenders Office WA  
Environmental Defenders Office NT  
Environmental Defenders Office Qld  
Environmental Defenders Office SA  
Environmental Defenders Office Nth Qld  
Canberra Community Law  
Women's Legal Centre  
Tenants Union ACT  
Bradley Allen Love lawyers  
Alan Bradbury

## **ANU Clinic**

Dr Tony Foley  
Dr Anthony Hopkins  
Dr James Prest  
Dr Andrew MacIntosh  
Member Mary-Therese Daniels  
Murray Raff  
Kirsten Miller  
Professor Peta Spender  
Tom Mitchell  
Professor Don Rothwell

## **University of Canberra**

Doris Bozin  
Professor Murray Raff

## **Volunteers**

Alec Randles

Karen Khoo  
Gavin Singh  
Lokesh Kashyap  
Grace Soutter  
Gaby Ho  
Bruce Chalmers  
Angxi Zou  
Rui Yu  
Sally Wong  
Isla Tobin  
Maya Suzuki  
Kashi Mogensen  
Lakhena Leng  
AJ Proudfoot  
Michael Misa  
Talha Pasha

## **Employees and Contractors**

Camilla Taylor (until March 2018)  
Stephanie Booker (February 2018 on)  
Nicola Silbert (October 2017 on)  
Jason Parsons

## **Management Committee**

Chairperson: Roland Manderson  
Deputy chairperson: Karl Goiser  
Secretary: Gabriela Ho  
Treasurer: Lee Nelson  
Public Officer: Gabriela Ho

### **Committee members:**

Bruce Chalmers  
Kasy Chambers  
Stephanie Wende  
Geoffrey Miles  
Deborah Nesbitt (till July 2017)





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