

ENVIRONMENTAL
DEFENDERS OFFICE
(TASMANIA) INC

ANNUAL REPORT

2014-2015

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In my 2014 report as president of EDO Tas, I noted that the Federal Government has been out to cut down the EDO offices around Australia. Little has changed.

There is clear evidence that the Earth is under tremendous strain: oceans are warming, fish stocks and biodiversity across the globe is declining, forests are being diminished and warming climates are altering our environment, threatening human health and reducing our resilience against pests, drought, inundation, salinity and habitat loss. Instead of supporting organisations to take the swift action needed to address these issues, government policies continue to weaken the capacity of such organisations. Funding has been cut and tax deductibility for all environmental groups is also under threat. Proposals to reduce third party participation abound and vindication of a public legal right and the upholding of the rule of law is derided as "lawfare". Complex issues are reduced to a slogan.

The challenges that this presents for EDO Tasmania are undeniable. However, they also demonstrate exactly why an organisation like ours is important. Environmental law is designed to provide protections, set standards, promote public debate and ensure decisions are made with the future in mind. EDO Tasmania aims to make sure the laws are fit for the task.

So, despite the adversity we face, our office is busy carrying out its mandate. Our lawyers have been busy using our laws to defend the environment: providing advice and representing people in the courts to protect places that they love. We continue to make submissions to government and participate in public debates to shape the law. We promote opportunities for the public to get involved in decisions and provide guidance on how to make use of those opportunities.

To carry out this mandate, EDO Tasmania itself needs to be fit for the task. We need to be dynamic and creative to adapt to the loss of Federal funding, to maintain public support and to secure sufficient resources to not only meet current demands, but to prosper. This is an ongoing challenge that requires strong leadership and a committed team.

In that regard, I would like to thank the EDO Management Committee for their work during the year: Michael Lynch, Lindi Wall, Kellie Jay, Ben Richardson, Tom Baxter, Leslie Frost, Michael Swanton and Rosie Gude. Kellie and Ben joined us in late 2014 and have brought their perspectives as professor of law and student of law, respectively, to the EDO, adding to the diversity that is a key strength of the Committee.

I also want to recognise the tremendous commitment, work, dedication and good humour of our staff. Jess Feehely continues to steadily steer the EDO ship on a day to day basis. Adam Beeson's sharp mind and willingness to take on some of the State's more formidable litigators has seen us triumph in key litigation matters this year. Sarah Wilson has worked tirelessly to produce a range of publications that will better equip Tasmanians to have a say in decisions that affect them. In her role of fundraiser, Margie Jenkin has brought vitality and dedication, helping to secure funds and, just as importantly, helping us to think strategically about our future.

This year is EDO Tasmania's 20th birthday. It's a significant milestone, and it's a testament to our survival. In the past 12 months particularly, we owe a large part of that survival to all the generous people who have donated to us and who've shown that they understand and value the role of the EDO.

The committee has a difficult task ahead of us to keep EDO Tasmania strong and to keep building on the legacy of the past 20 years. We look forward to getting into it.

Roland Browne
President

September 2015

LAWYER'S REPORT

This year marks the 20th anniversary of EDO Tasmania. Twenty years is a significant achievement for any organisation, but it's one I'm particularly proud of in light of the numerous challenges facing social justice and conservation organisations.

Our team has responded to these challenges with renewed vigour. We continue to be humbled by the unwavering commitment of our clients to conservation objectives, and buoyed by the level of support we've received from the community. That's what I love about working for EDO Tasmania – I'm regularly given the opportunity to use the law to help dedicated people to protect the places that they care about.

In 2014/2015, we worked with passionate farmers, councillors, conservation groups and affected communities to prevent inappropriate developments, to strengthen legal protections and to hold government to account.

We helped the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre to stand firm against a proposal to allow off-road vehicles to damage a culturally significant landscape. We helped overturn a decision to increase the volume of mine waste stored in the iconic Tarkine. We helped residents to challenge planned amendments to expand the development footprint on Mount Wellington and we assisted a wide range of groups to respond to proposed changes to the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area management plan.

We defended the right to protest, the importance of public participation and environmental advocacy, and the restrictions on companies suing for defamation. We questioned the efficacy of the one-stop shop proposal and continued to make the case for environmental laws that will secure a fairer, more sustainable, liveable, prosperous and resilient Tasmania.

We continued to help Tasmanians to understand their options, their rights and their obligations. We helped people who are very familiar with the planning process and we helped people who have never even thought about environmental laws until a place they love was threatened. With ongoing planning reforms and plans to reduce third party appeal rights, we've got our work cut out to ensure communities can continue to have a say in decisions affecting their environment.

But we're up to the task. For 20 years, EDO Tasmania has not simply survived: we have adapted, gained experience and fortified our commitment. We will continue to fight for the laws that we need, to raise awareness of the laws that we have, and to use those laws to protect this beautiful State.

The challenges we face aren't going away, but neither are we.

Jess Feehely
Principal Lawyer

Meet the team

In 2014/2015, the EDO team included:

- Jess Feehely, Principal Lawyer (full time)
- Adam Beeson, Litigation Lawyer (part time)
- Sarah Wilson, Communication and Education Lawyer (part time)
- Margie Jenkin, Fundraising Officer (part time)
- Louise Blaik, Bookkeeper (casual)

We also relied on numerous volunteers and particularly thank Rafael Szumer, Frances Spry, Elsa Bland, Ali Sawyer, Sebastian Marquez and Sharen Phillips for their contribution in 2014/2015.

We are also grateful for the generosity of our volunteer Management Committee, peerless IT guru, Stephen Butler, and graphic design whizz, Dianna Graf.



Summary of activities

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Using the law | |
| New client matters | 149 |
| Continuing client matters | 23 |
| Complex casework (advice) | 42 |
| Case involving litigation | 8 |
| Explaining the law | |
| Publications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Major guides / reports</i> • <i>RMPAT Bulletin</i> • <i>EDO Bulletin</i> • <i>Articles published in journals</i> | 3 11 editions 24 editions 3 |
| Workshops and presentations | 15 |
| Public forums | 2 |
| Defending / Reforming the law | |
| Law reform submissions | 12 |
| Appearances at public inquiries | 4 |
| Media interviews | 14 |
| Consultation group involvement | 3 |
| Promoting the law | |
| Internships / placements | 8 |
| Volunteers registered | 47 |
| Funding | |
| Funding applications | 13 |
| Fundraising events / initiatives | 8 |

Using the law

EDO Tasmania's key objective is to use the law to protect the environment. In pursuit of this objective, in 2014/2015 we have provided advice to individuals and groups throughout Tasmania on environmental and planning law matters.

In total, we estimate that our staff spent over 2,000 hours providing advice and legal representation. Figure 1 shows the diversity of issues raised by clients, and the relative time spent addressing each resource management topic in 2014/2015. Mining and cultural heritage issues have dominated our litigation case load, while planning remains a core source of advice work. Protected area management inquiries have increased in response to proposed changes to management plans for various national parks and reserves.

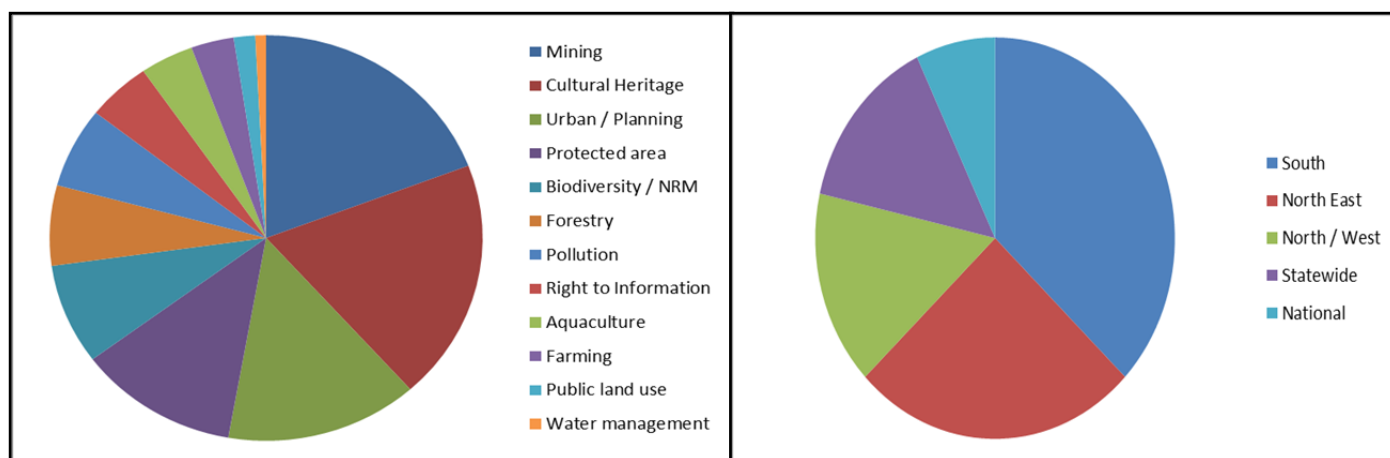


Figure 1: Issues addressed in client advice 2014/2015 (based on hours worked)

Figure 2: Location of subject matter of advice (based on NRM regions)

While our office is based in Hobart, Figure 2 demonstrates the Statewide reach of our service. We continue to offer phone advice and outreach sessions for clients in regional areas, and to promote awareness of the service through numerous channels.



Our culture and heritage form our identity, and the case and protection of our land is paramount to a healthy community. EDO Tasmania has enabled our community to fulfil our cultural obligations of caring for country through their support, and understanding how sacred country really is.

Ruth Langford, Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre

Using the law to protect cultural heritage

In November 2014, the Tasmanian government announced plans to fulfil an election commitment to re-open a number of off-road vehicle tracks in the Arthur Pieman Conservation Area by Christmas.

The controversial tracks were closed by the previous government in 2012 following extensive consultation and numerous reports outlining irreparable damage to significant Aboriginal heritage sites as a result of off-road vehicle use. In February 2013, the coastal strip in which all the tracks are located was included on the National Heritage List, as the Western Tasmania Aboriginal Cultural Landscape, in recognition of the indigenous heritage significance of the area.

On 19 December 2014, EDO Tasmania, on behalf of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Inc (**TAC**), made an urgent application to the Federal court for an injunction to prevent the government from re-opening the tracks or undertaking any preparatory works before an assessment of the proposal was made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. On 23 December 2014, his Honour Justice Kerr held that he was satisfied there was a strong prima facie case that re-opening the tracks would have a significant impact on indigenous heritage values. Justice Kerr granted an interim injunction to prevent the government from giving permission for vehicular access to the tracks until a full hearing could be held.

The full hearing to determine whether a permanent injunction will be granted to prevent the tracks being opened without Federal approval is set down for 12-16 October 2015.

Image by Grant Dixon

EDO Tasmania engages in litigation activity in limited circumstances. We consider litigation to be a last resort and will agree to represent clients only if we are satisfied other options have been exhausted and the legal action is in the public interest (as determined by our Casework Guidelines). Key litigation achievements for 2014/2015 have included:

- securing an interim injunction preventing the Tasmanian government from re-opening three off-road vehicle tracks in the National Heritage listed Western Tasmania Aboriginal Cultural Landscape (the hearing in relation to the application for a permanent injunction will be heard in October 2015 – see case study above).
- arguing for statements of reasons regarding a decision to grant a mining lease in the Tarkine to be released to the Tarkine National Coalition.

- successfully challenging a decision of the EPA Director to increase by a factor of 20 the volume of acid mine waste stored at a mine in the Tarkine (see case study below).
- successfully arguing that the Wellington Park Trust had failed to fulfil its responsibilities in assessing a draft amendment of the *Wellington Park Management Plan 2013* to allow an expansion of the development area which would facilitate construction of a cable car proposal. The Tasmanian Planning Commission held that the Trust had failed to read all the representations from the public and failed to provide an opinion as to any modifications that should be made in light of those representations.
- representing residents in their challenge to a woodchip barge proposal at Waterloo Bay. The Tasmanian Planning Commission held that Council's decision to amend the planning scheme to facilitate the proposal was invalid.

Information and advice provided by EDO Tasmania helps clients to understand evidentiary requirements and the risks associated with their appeal, allowing them to make an informed decision about whether to proceed with litigation. In this way, we play an important role in discouraging appeals with limited prospects of success.



When squaring up against the combined legal resources of governments and mining corporations, the EDO has been our champion. We thank the EDO for the vital role they play in protecting the magnificent Tarkine.

Scott Jordan, Save the Tarkine

Using the law to uphold environmental protections

EDO Tasmania represented the Tarkine National Coalition in their application for judicial review of a decision by the EPA Director to amend permit conditions regulating storage of potentially acid-forming waste at Shree Minerals' Nelson Bay River mine. In its original assessment of the mine, the EPA Board expressly ruled out above ground storage options due to the risk of contamination. However, the Director's subsequent amendments authorised temporary above ground storage of waste, after it was revealed that the mine would produce approximately 20 times more waste than originally approved.

The Supreme Court held that the Director's decision "fundamentally changed" the mine conditions and went beyond the powers granted to the EPA Director under the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*. The original permit restrictions on above ground storage were reinstated.

Image by Dan Broun

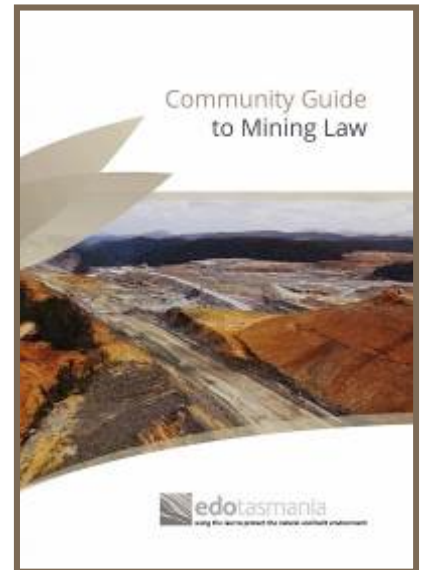
Explaining the law

EDO Tasmania's community legal education programme is designed to assist members of the community to understand the laws and how to use them to secure better environmental outcomes.

Our key education achievements in 2014/2015 have been:

- producing a detailed Community Guide to Mining Law, and delivering a related series of supporting workshops throughout regional Tasmania. The Guide has provided invaluable assistance to rural landowners, helping farmers to understand their rights when faced with proposals for mining activities that may affect their land.
- hosting a community forum on the Commonwealth government's proposed one-stop shop reforms. To date, that forum has provided the only public opportunity in Tasmania to discuss the details and the implications of the one-stop shop proposal.

We continue to maintain an informative website and fortnightly Bulletin keeping people up to date on changes to laws and opportunities to have a say in decisions affecting them and places that they love. Our staff also regularly deliver presentations at community and professional events.



For a non-lawyer, there is probably nothing as confronting as the law and the legal system. Having to read the law and tease out the provisions and details that affect your situation can feel like an almost impossible task... EDO Tasmania has provided excellent, timely and wise advice to our community. We are so much the better for their commitment to this beautiful state

Anne Harrison, Blackmans Bay Residents Action Group

Image by Bruce Newey

Defending the law

It is often also necessary to defend current environmental laws against regressive reforms. In 2014/2015, we have engaged in a series of activities to defend existing protections:

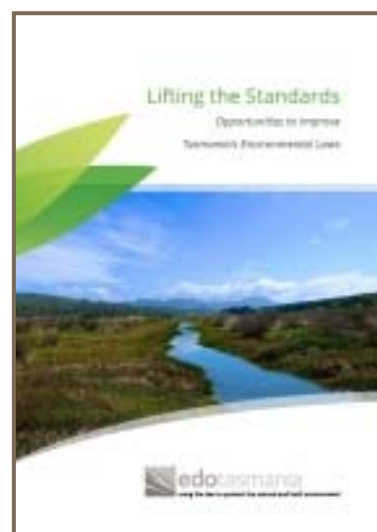
- working with a collective of organisations to oppose the introduction of the *Workplaces (Protection from Protestors) Act 2014* and to resist the proposed removal of statutory protections preventing companies from suing for defamation.
- strongly resisting efforts to remove tax-deductibility for donations to environmental organisations entered on the Register of Environmental Organisations
- collaborating with a range of stakeholder groups concerned that the draft *Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan 2014* would fail to protect natural and cultural values or satisfy Australia's obligations under the World Heritage Convention. This collective advocacy secured a strong decision from the World Heritage Committee to request that Australia undertake a detailed cultural heritage survey, recognise the importance of wilderness values and ensure tourism will not damage those values, prohibit logging and mining in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and secure adequate funding for ongoing management of the area.
- strongly advocating for the value of public participation and urging the Tasmanian government to retain third party rights of appeal in any revised planning legislation
- making representations to the Productivity Commission's Access to Justice Arrangements Inquiry outlining the importance of affordable legal services in delivering access to environmental justice.

Reforming the law

EDO Tasmania continues to draw on our legal expertise and the experience of our clients to identify legislative deficiencies and to advocate for reforms to improve the effectiveness of our environment and planning laws. Key law reform initiatives in 2014/2015 include:

- Publication of *Lifting the Standards*, a detailed, professional analysis of opportunities to improve Tasmania's suite of environmental laws and better achieve sustainable development objectives. The report was funded by the Law Foundation and was a result of consultation with a range of government, industry and community stakeholders.
- Contributing to the national EDO network report, *Assessment of the adequacy of threatened species and planning laws*.
- Publication of *State Forests, National Interests*, a detailed report analysing the efficacy of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement. The report was a key feature of our response to the RFA third five-year review.
- Successfully advocating (along with a wide range of stakeholders) for an extension of the Tasmanian government's moratorium on hydraulic fracturing.
- Making detailed submissions to the Senate Inquiry into the Regulation of Fish-Farming in Tasmania, and appearing at the public hearing to discuss opportunities to improve the regulatory framework.

We have also contributed submissions in response to a range of other government legislative reform proposals and continue to participate in a working group advising on planning reform.



Promoting the law

EDO Tasmania continues to encourage interest in environmental law amongst law students through our summer internship programme and ongoing practical legal placements. In 2014/2015, we also introduced a pilot programme for external volunteers. The programme has been extremely successful and currently has over 40 participating students undertaking various research and drafting tasks to assist us with our work.

Fundraising

Without a steady, recurrent source of government funding, EDO Tasmania remains reliant on philanthropic grants and community support to continue our work. We have spent over 60 hours preparing grant applications, and have been lucky to receive support from the following bodies:

- Law Foundation of Tasmania
- Mullum Trust
- NRM North
- NRM South

Guided by our tireless fundraising officer, Margie Jenkin, we have also undertaken a wide range of fundraising activities in 2014/2015 to provide us with greater financial security. Key initiatives include:

- Establishing a My Cause platform to allow supporters to take on personal fundraising initiatives, and promoting the "Beard to Go for EDO" campaign
- Hosting various film nights around the State
- Selling EDO Tasmania Christmas cards, designed by local artists with sustainability themes
- Forgo for EDO
- Beard to Go for EDO
- End of Financial year fundraising drive
- Introduction of workplace giving and bequest programmes



EDO Tasmania: using the law to protect the places that you love

Image by Brendan Gogarty

Independent auditor's report to members of Environmental Defenders Office (Tasmania) Inc

I have audited the special purpose financial report of Environmental Defenders Office (Tasmania) Inc for the year ended 30 June 2015.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Management Committee is responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report and information contained therein. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) (where applicable), and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has been no contravention of auditor independence and any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Limitation of Scope

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable to establish complete accounting control over cash received from all of its activities. Verification therefore has been limited to the receipt of funds recorded in the Association's financial records.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the special purpose financial report of Environmental Defenders Office (Tasmania) Inc presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2015 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

MAX PECK & ASSOCIATES



Rendell W. RIDGE

24 July 2015

Environmental Defenders Office (Tas) Inc

131 Macquarie Street,
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Profit & Loss Statement

July 2014 through June 2015

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|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Income | | |
| State Funding | | \$8,886.36 |
| Solicitors Trust | | \$46,441.00 |
| Service Generated Income | | |
| CLE - inc Conferences | \$1,554.55 | |
| Fees Received | \$21,659.91 | |
| Costs Recoverd & Retained | \$650.00 | |
| Grants-Law Foundation | \$19,600.00 | |
| Grant - NRM South | \$405.00 | |
| Grant NRM-North | \$8,990.00 | |
| Fundraising | \$5,600.47 | |
| Donations- EDO (Tas) Gift Fund | \$146,701.92 | |
| Interest Received | \$7,240.77 | |
| Membership | \$979.08 | |
| Publication-RMPAT Bulletin | \$6,256.29 | |
| Sundry Income | \$909.10 | |
| Sponsorship Income | \$800.00 | |
| Total Service Generated Income | \$221,347.09 | |
| Mullum Trust Grant | \$4,545.45 | |
| Total Income | | <u>\$281,219.90</u> |
| Cost Of Sales | | |
| Gross Profit | | |
| | | <u>\$281,219.90</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Communications | | |
| ISP | \$763.08 | |
| Teleconferencing | \$5.25 | |
| Phonelines | \$2,193.76 | |
| Total Communications | \$2,962.09 | |
| Depreciation | \$742.48 | |
| Finance & Accounting | | |
| Accountancy | \$2,043.25 | |
| Audit Fees | \$430.45 | |
| Bank Fees | \$1,139.35 | |
| Fees & Charges | \$138.15 | |
| Total Finance & Accounting | \$3,751.20 | |
| Insurance | | |
| Business Policy - fire & peril | \$655.60 | |
| Professional Indemnity | \$221.99 | |
| Volunteers | \$327.50 | |
| Total Insurance | \$1,205.09 | |
| Library Resources & Subs | | |
| Memberships | \$1,063.63 | |
| NACLC Levy (inc Public Liab) | \$1,488.18 | |
| Practising Certificate | \$235.56 | |
| Resources & Publications | \$1,500.00 | |
| Subscriptions | \$744.52 | |
| Total Library Resources & Subs | \$5,031.89 | |
| Office Overheads | | |
| Computer Consumables | \$2,332.68 | |
| Photocopying | \$106.82 | |
| Postage | \$409.19 | |
| Printing | \$676.98 | |
| Stationery | \$470.52 | |
| Total Office Overheads | \$3,996.19 | |
| Other Premises Costs | | |
| Amenities | \$184.65 | |
| Cleaning | \$69.81 | |
| Electricity | \$1,131.71 | |
| Total Other Premises Costs | | <u>\$1,386.17</u> |

Environmental Defenders Office (Tas) Inc

Profit & Loss Statement

July 2014 through June 2015

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| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Programming & Planning | |
| CLE/Community Development | \$81.82 |
| Client related expenses | \$438.27 |
| Projects | \$1,783.19 |
| Fundraising | \$748.36 |
| Total Programming & Planning | <u>\$3,051.64</u> |
| Rent | |
| Rent | \$2,547.06 |
| Lease expenses | \$25.80 |
| Salary & related expenses | |
| Salaries | \$206,707.26 |
| Superannuation | \$19,127.05 |
| Oncosts | |
| Workers Compensation | \$1,091.99 |
| Long Service Leave -provision | \$1,265.64 |
| Annual leave accrual adjustmen | \$11,652.54 |
| Total Oncosts | <u>\$14,010.17</u> |
| Total Salary & related expenses | <u>\$239,844.48</u> |
| Staff Training | |
| Airfares/Taxis/Bus S/Training | \$393.19 |
| Fees:TrainingCourse/Conference | \$55.85 |
| Meals (Staff Training) | \$382.53 |
| Total Staff Training | <u>\$831.57</u> |
| Travel | |
| Petrol | \$291.15 |
| Airfares | -\$172.59 |
| Accommodation | \$45.46 |
| Meals | \$416.74 |
| Total Travel | <u>\$580.76</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$265,956.42</u> |
| Operating Profit | <u>\$15,263.48</u> |
| Other Expenses | |
| Net Profit/(Loss) | <u>\$15,263.48</u> |

Environmental Defenders Office (Tas) Inc

131 Macquarie Street,
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Balance Sheet

As of June 2015

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Assets

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Account | \$8,473.90 |
| Electronic Clearing Account | \$0.00 |
| BendigoBank_EDO(Tas) Gift Fund | \$118,071.63 |
| MEBank Business Account | \$130,694.65 |
| Plant and Equipment at Cost | \$36,879.48 |
| Depreciation Reserve | -\$36,879.48 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$257,240.18</u> |

Liabilities

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bendigo Bank Mastercard | \$123.45 |
| Trade Creditors | \$18,012.25 |
| Accrued Audit fee | \$490.00 |
| Accrued annual leave | \$13,848.68 |
| Provision - Long Service Leave | \$14,814.45 |
| FundgInAdv-SolicitorsTrust-Sol | \$106,759.00 |
| GST Collected | -\$133.80 |
| GST Paid | -\$64.91 |
| Superannuation Payable | \$0.00 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$153,849.12</u> |

Net Assets

\$103,391.06

Equity

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Retained Earnings | \$88,127.58 |
| Operating Surplus/Deficit | \$15,263.48 |
| Total Equity | <u>\$103,391.06</u> |

Organisation: Environmental Defenders Office (Tas) Inc

State Service Agreement

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD 1 July 2014 TO 30 June 2015

State Funding 2014/2015
Department of Justice

| RECEIPTS | \$'s |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Grant | 4,375 |
| Other (eg Interest etc) | |
| | |
| Total Receipts | 4,375 |
| | |
| Less PAYMENTS | |
| Salaries | 4,375 |
| Other (specify) - Other | |
| Total Payments | 4,375 |
| BALANCE | NIL |

State Funding 2014/2015
**Dept of Primary Industries, Parks,
Water and Environment**

| RECEIPTS | \$'s |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Grant | 4,375 |
| Other (eg Interest etc) | |
| | |
| Total Receipts | 4,375 |
| | |
| Less PAYMENTS | |
| Salaries | 4,375 |
| Other (specify) - Other | |
| Total Payments | 4,375 |
| BALANCE | NIL |

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that the above Statement of Receipts and Payments is in agreement with the records of the **Environmental Defenders Office (Tasmania) Inc.** and that the expenditure has been incurred in accordance with the purpose of the grant(s).

Signature

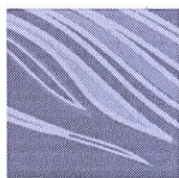


Rendell Wayne Ridge

Registered Company Auditor

Date

15/9/2015



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Annual Return for the Year ended 30th June 2015

**I hearby advise that the structure of the committee of the
Environmental Defenders Office (Tasmania) Inc. was as follows:**

| POSITION | NAME | ADDRESS |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| President | Roland Browne | 1 Glebe Street, Glebe |
| Vice President | Leslie Frost | 420 Brightwater Road, Howden |
| Secretary / Public Officer | Michael Lynch | 26 Golden Valley Road, Cygnet |
| Treasurer | Rosie Gude | 12 Whelan Cres, West Hobart |
| Committee Members | Lindi Wall | 20 Milfords Road, Kaoota |
| | Tom Baxter | 1/405 Elizabeth ST, North Hobart |
| | Michael Swanton | 311 Lenah Valley, Lenah Valley |
| | Dr Ben Richardson | 146 Patrick Street, Hobart |
| | Kellie Jay | 10 Hopfields Road, Margate |

Auditor

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12/10/15



Acknowledgements

EDO Tasmania has received support from all corners of the community this year.

Our casework has been bolstered by expert pro bono assistance from barristers Juliet Forsyth, Tiphonie Acreman, Jeremy Gobbo QC, Richard Niall QC and Brian Walters QC, and evidence from a range of expert scientists.

Our thanks also to Dr Chris McGrath, James Barker, Peter McGlone, Catherine Murdoch and Alex Schaap for their constructive participation in our One Stop Shop forum, and to Councillor Alex Hawke for launching the *Community Guide to Mining Law*.

Our fundraising efforts could not have succeeded without sponsors, speakers, artists and goodwill from venues and performers. A special thanks to Jennifer Skelly, Chris Rees, Tom Samek, Kath Allen, Red Herring Surf, Mick Lawrence, Tas Ethical, Matt Dell, Wynyard's Lighthouse Film Society and Wynyard Landcare Group, Kellie Jay, Emily Sheppard, the Alpine Quartet, Emlyn Johnson, Mount Trout and the South Hobart Arts Factory, Phil Wise, Phil Woods, Andy Cianchi, Eldene O'Shea and Sarah Wilson.

Thanks to all those who provided constructive feedback into our reports, to Dianna Graf and Mark Cornelius for their amazing graphic design input to the *Community Guide to Mining Law* and *Lifting the Standards*, to Dan Broun, Isla MacGregor, Rob Blakers, Brendan Gogarty, Bruce Newey, Grant Dixon, Frederique Oliver and Dennis Harding for providing the gorgeous images to remind people of the places the law is designed to protect, and to Print Together for their excellent services.

And a final, sincere thanks to all those who continue to support us, through donations, promoting our work, using our services, championing our cause and keeping us focussed and reassured.

We couldn't do
it without you!

thank
you

