

Protection of Species

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Environmental Defenders Office

*Using the law to protect
our environment.*



Who are EDO Qld?

- Environmental Defender's Office (Qld)
- **not** a government organisation
- **not** a private law firm
- Non-profit Community Legal Centre.
- Expertise in Environmental Law



What do we do?

- Legal advice
- Representation
- Legal education; and
- Law reform



**....public interest
environmental law**







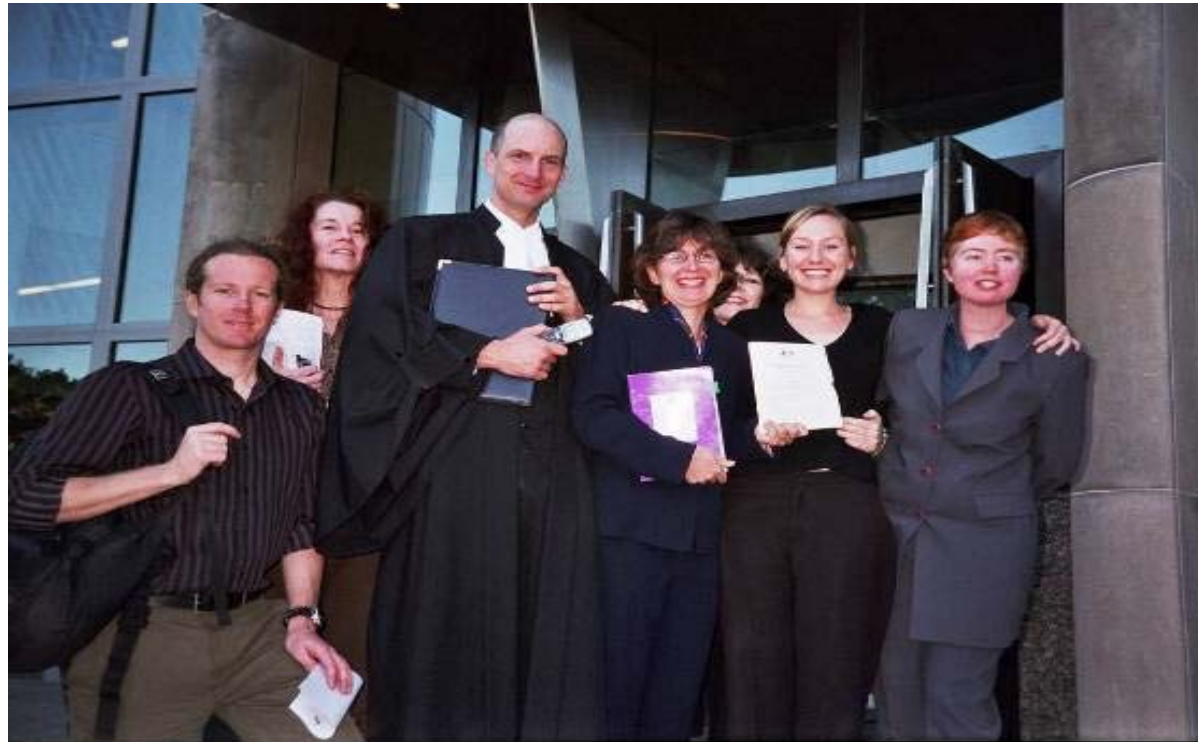


Flying Fox Cases-

Dr Carol Booth

Nathan Dam Case Queensland Conservation Council & WWF

Judicial review of the
Federal Environment
Minister's decision
under the EPBC Act



Springbrook Cabins appeal

Friends of Springbrook Alliance & Ors



Paradise Dam Case

Wide Bay Burnett Conservation Council



Mining Cases- Wandoan and Alpha

Environmental damage from greenhouse gas emissions



Wandoan Sample Pit. Photo Source:
<http://www.wandoancoalproject.com.au/EN/PublicationsandMedia/Pages/ImageLibrary.aspx>





Access to Justice in the Courts



Positive outcomes depend on “own costs” rules, legal aid or help with resources & legal standing provisions

EDOs Help with resources

- Public funding for EDOs helps even up the vast imbalance between well resourced developers and government on one side and the community and environmental groups on the other side
- Don't forget, developers and mining companies fund legal fees with tax deductible dollars to pursue projects that damage the environment



EDOs Help with resources

- EDOs provide professional legal services, advice education and law reform, free of charge on public interest environmental matters to people in the community who can't otherwise afford them.
- attract talented volunteers and are a hub for pro bono contributions by experts and the legal profession.



EDO Qld website:
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