



A voice for the environment

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Are our laws strong enough to protect our environment?

From brigalow woodlands, native grasslands, rivers and wetlands to the Great Barrier Reef, Queensland's Capricorn region is blessed with a rich diversity of plants, wildlife and ecosystems. It is also besieged by proposed and actual coal and CSG wells plus port, mega tourism, urban and industrial developments.

Capricorn Conservation Council coordinator Michael McCabe said. "Many of these threaten the natural environments that underpin the long-term health and prosperity of the region. At the same time, our state and federal governments are pushing through critical changes to alter environmental laws and planning policies."

"CCC has invited, **Jo-Anne Bragg** of the Environmental Defenders Office of Queensland to be explore these issues at free workshops in Yeppoon (Feb 20th) and Rockhampton (Feb 22nd).

Legally Green in Yeppoon

Thursday, 20 February

6:00 for 6:30PM-09:00PM Community Development Centre, John Street, Yeppoon

Legally Green in Rockhampton

Saturday, 22 February

9:00 for 9:30AM-12:00PM Environment Centre, Haigh Park off Livermore Street, Rockhampton

Bookings can be made through through CCC: (07) 4927 8644 or ccc@cqnet.com.au

Environmental Defenders Office (Qld) Inc (**EDO Qld**) is a non-profit, non-government community legal centre which helps people understand and access their legal rights to protect the environment in the public interest.

EDO lawyers provide access to environmental justice for those who can't afford commercial legal assistance by offering legal advice and education and using their experience to help improve the operation of government laws and policies.

On 17 December 2013, the Federal Government withdrew all funding to Environmental Defenders' Offices around Australia. EDO Qld now relies solely on community donations to carry out public interest legal work.

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