



Friends of  
the Earth  
Australia

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Friends of the Earth Australia (FoEA) is a federation of local environmental groups and a growing number of affiliate projects who are working for a sustainable and equitable future.

We are the Australian member of FoE International, which is the largest grassroots environmental network on the planet.

## Our Vision

Our vision is of a world where everyone's needs are met in a way that safeguards the future of the natural environment. We work for a world where environmental protection, social justice and economic welfare for all people go hand in hand. Through our local, national and international networks, we work with the community to raise awareness, put forward alternatives, and take action for a fair and ecologically sustainable future.

FoE operates from an environmental justice perspective. This means working towards a situation where all people live in a healthy environment and where the benefits and costs of economic activity are shared equally, including between nations and generations. FoEA supports Indigenous sovereignty and works at both the local level with specific Indigenous communities as well as participating in debates and campaigns at the national and international level.

FoE understands that in an era of globalisation and international environmental problems, a global and co-operative response is required. FoEA seeks to develop strong relations with environmental and social justice movements in all parts of the world.

## Our work in 2014/15

FoE Australia is a federation of local groups, national projects and campaigns, and affiliate members. It has offices in Adelaide, Melbourne, and Brisbane. Please also see the reports of local groups, which can be found on the FoEA website, for additional information about local activity.

## FoEA turns 40

FoE Australia was founded in February 1974 at a gathering of local groups on French Island in Western Port Bay, Victoria.

At that point, French Island had been selected as a possible location for Victoria's first nuclear reactor, a campaign that was successfully won by FoE and other groups.

In May 2015 we finally celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> at a packed event at the Circus Oz Spiegeltent in Collingwood. Many thanks to the people who travelled from around Australia to attend, to the many musicians and speakers, including Senator Scott Ludlam, and the people who made the event such a great night, especially Beth Cameron, who was the key organiser.



# Climate

Climate change continues to be one of the most pressing environmental issues and hence one of our major campaigns.

## GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGNING AGAINST NEW COAL AND GAS

We continued our grassroots organising work in Queensland and Victoria, and have been starting to support communities in South Australia who are opposing planned unconventional gas drilling in the south east of that state.

We had some great successes in Victoria, with all main political parties supporting the current moratorium on drilling for unconventional gas (UCG).

As a result of the state election in November 2014, there is now also a state government inquiry into the UCG industry, which is due to report back late in 2015. As of June 2015, close to 60 Victorian communities had declared themselves coal and/or gasfield free. FoE continues to work with around 70 communities across southern Victoria to oppose new 'greenfield' coal and gas operations.

Please see the FoE Melbourne annual report for full details on our activity in Victoria. <http://www.melbourne.foe.org.au/about>

## NATIONAL AIR POLLUTION SUMMIT

We collaborated with Doctors for the Environment and Environmental Justice Australia to host the summit in Melbourne in July 2014.



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## WORKING WITH PACIFIC AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES

The Climate Frontlines collective of FoE Brisbane continues to maintain its relationship and work with key Torres Strait elders and leaders, as it seeks to find effective ways of supporting initiatives outlined in the Torres Strait Regional Authority's new 5-year plan, *Climate Change Strategy: Building Community Adaptive Capacity and Resilience*.

In February 2015, a Poruma Island leader provided the collective with a copy of a video made at the end of January during the annual monsoon and king tide season, when their shores were being significantly eroded. The intention was to make the Queensland public aware of the situation in Poruma and the other islands under serious threat from climate change in the central and north western Torres Strait. The video provided a poignant introduction to a range of seminars and public events the collective was involved in during the second half of 2014, as follows:

**16 & 23 July:** "What about our Islands? A community forum on climate change in the Torres Strait", State Library of Qld, during Black History Month

**1 August:** "Going Under: calls for justice from the frontlines of climate change", seminar with ecumenical church group, Caloundra, Sunshine Coast

**6 September:** Climate Justice workshop, Good Samaritan Sisters, Brisbane

**20 September:** "We can't walk on water: Torres Strait and Pacific Islanders responding to the challenges of climate change", workshop at the National Climate Action Summit, QUT, Brisbane

**16 September:** Guest lecture by Aunty Rose Elu on "Communicating climate justice in the Torres Strait", for a University of Queensland undergraduate subject titled, "Communication & Social Change"

**15 October:** session on climate change in the Torres Strait with students in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands study program, University of Queensland

**13 November:** "Climate justice: what does it mean for Pacific and Torres Strait Islanders?", seminar during BrisCAN G20 People's Summit

Climate Frontlines is grateful to Catholic Religious Australia Queensland for its ongoing financial support for the collective's Torres Strait Island climate awareness raising and advocacy work.





## REEF DEFENDERS LAUNCHED

For years now, people across Australia have been raising their voices and taking action to stop the Galilee mines and Abbot Point port expansion from going ahead. Court cases have been mounted, submissions have been lodged, petitions have garnered hundreds of thousands of signatures, financiers have been reasoned with, experts have warned of the huge financial and environmental risks, global investment banks have walked away, but the projects march onwards. Yet despite this, our leaders are failing us.

Because of the scale of the threat to our precious natural assets it was clear that the environment movement needed to step up it's campaign to protect the Great Barrier Reef.

The Reef Defenders Alliance is a collaboration of groups committed to

building the strength of the movement to stop the projects that threaten the viability of the Great Barrier Reef.

The construction of Abbot Point will see 1.6 million cubic metres of sea floor dredged from the Great Barrier Reef. The waters around Abbot Point, where the dredging will take place, are home to rare and endangered species such as sea turtles, dugongs and snubfin dolphins. They are also in the migration path of humpback whales. The Reef has already shrunk by half in the past 30 years. World-leading Reef scientists predict it will be "slaughtered" this century at the current rate. The last thing our Great Barrier Reef needs is a mega coal port constructed in its waters.

You can find out more and get involved here. <http://reefdefendersalliance.org/>



## LEARD ALLIANCE

FoEA joined a growing number of organisations who are opposing the planned major coal mine at Maules Creek in western NSW. To support the campaign against this mine, FoEA joined the Leard Alliance.

## COAL MINING IN KALIMANTAN

In late 2014, FoE hosted Arie Rompas, the Executive Director of the Central Kalimantan Branch of WALHI on a east coast speaking tour. Arie is from the Upper Barito Basin in Central Kalimantan, which is the focus of a massive push to expand the export coal industry in Indonesian Borneo, largely initiated by Australian companies. He works on issues surrounding coal and extractives, deforestation and palm oil expansion, climate change mitigation and foreign aid, and land rights for customary and marginalised communities.

Wahana Lingkungan Hidup Indonesia (Indonesian Forum for the Environment)



## SUPPORT FOR BEYOND COAL AND GAS GATHERING

As in previous years, FoEA was a supporting organisation for the national Beyond Coal and Gas gathering, which brings together environmental and climate activists, farmers and traditional owner groups, and health professionals to share ideas and develop strategy to ensure the necessary transition away from coal and gas and into renewable energy.

or Friends of the Earth Indonesia was founded in 1980. WALHI is the largest and oldest environmental advocacy NGO in Indonesia, uniting more than 479 NGO's and 156 individuals throughout Indonesia's vast archipelago, with independent offices and grassroots constituencies located in 27 of the nation's 31 provinces. WALHI has consistently been at the forefront of environmental debates in Indonesia, working on a wide range of issues. These include agrarian conflict over access to natural resources, Indigenous and peasants' rights, coastal and marine issues, and deforestation.

# Market Forces

Market Forces (MF) is an affiliate project and member of FoE Australia. MF believes that the banks, superannuation funds and governments that have custody of our money should use it to protect - not damage - our environment.

Our vision is a future where institutions invest with a high degree of respect for the natural environment, utilising the money in their trust to deliver solutions to major environmental issues, and where the community holds to account the custodians of their money to ensure it is used to benefit the environment.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014/15 INCLUDE:

### French banks rule out funding Galilee coal exports

Following a strong campaign lead by Market Forces and Friends of the Earth France, three major French banks have made commitments to not fund any of the proposed mega coal mines in the Galilee Basin or connecting infrastructure such as the coal ports in the Great Barrier Reef.

French giants BNP Paribas, Societe Generale and Credit Agricole have all made this commitment, which brings the total number of banks who have ruled out finance for Galilee coal mines or ports in the Reef to eleven.

It means that half of the world's biggest financiers of the coal industry have come out and publicly stated they won't be financing part or all of the Galilee coal export supply chain.

### Launch of Super Switch

In 2014, Market Forces launched its guide to superannuation companies that don't invest in fossil fuels. This resource makes it easy for the community to shift their super funds into institutions who do not invest in fossil fuel projects.

### Time to divest

On the 18th of October, Market Forces and 350.org coordinated Australia's biggest ever day of divestment action on fossil fuels. Many Australians turned out at bank branches around Australia and publicly closed their accounts in protest at the big banks who have not yet ruled out funding the dirty fossil fuel industry.

### End polluter handouts

The Australian government gives over \$10 billion worth of handouts to big polluters every year. That's money that would otherwise be spent on health and education, clean energy or other government priorities. MF campaigned for subsidies to fossil fuels to be cut.

### Fuelling the Fire

A report from Market Forces shines a light for the first time on Australian banks' financing of the fossil fuel industry and the disparity between lending to 'clean' and 'dirty' energy.

Covering over 150 financial institutions, the report, called Fueling the Fire, identifies ANZ as the leading lender to fossil fuels, having provided \$12.6 billion to coal, oil and gas in Australia since 2008.

# Supporting renewable energy

In addition to opposing the establishment of new fossil fuel projects, FoE campaigns widely in support of the rapid uptake of renewable energy through the Yes 2 Renewables (Y2R) campaign.

Renewable energy technologies are proven and commercially viable. They represent a quick and efficient way to reduce Australia's greenhouse emissions and hence reduce the impacts of climate change on the natural environment. Additionally, polling continues to show that renewables are widely supported in the community. A key focus of Y2R has been to translate this latent support into

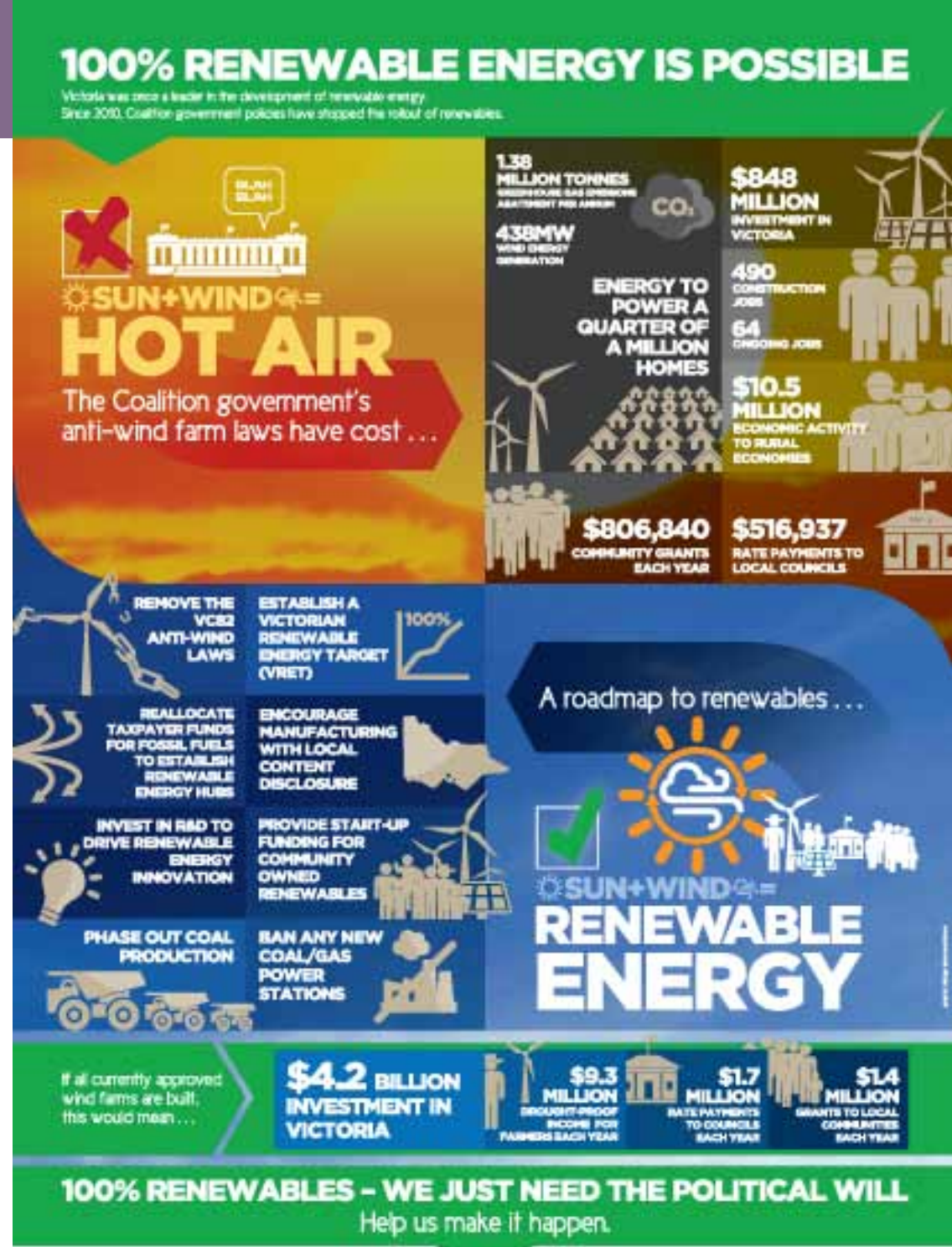
active and vocal support for a transition away from Australia's current reliance on fossil fuels to meet the majority of our energy needs.

At the beginning of 2011 the Baillieu Coalition government in Victoria enacted the world's worst restrictions on wind energy development. The planning regulations – which killed off a dozen proposals and cost hundreds of jobs – were still in effect in 2014 and constituted the main barrier facing renewable energy in the state.

Yes 2 Renewables built on previous campaign experience defending the King Island and Cherry Tree Range wind farm projects by forming strong partnerships with existing community organisations. In 2014, we partnered with the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group, Surf Coast Energy Group, and Geelong Sustainability Group. Additionally, we helped establish the Riddells Creek Sustainability Group.

The Coalition's anti-wind farm laws were introduced without community consultation or economic modelling. It was this lack of public engagement and economic modelling that raised doubts in the community over the government's wind energy policy.

Yes 2 Renewables undertook an independent economic impact assessment of the anti-wind farm laws. Our research was featured in *The Sunday Age*, the front page of the



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Macedon Free Press, and resulted in a meeting with the Minister for Energy, Russell Northe, as well as the relevant shadow ministers.

Yes 2 Renewables' community survey on the views Macedon residents (and visitors) focused the debate on the government's lack of consultation and directly challenged their legitimacy. With over 700 participants, the initiative presented Yes 2 Renewables as a credible voice on the issue and allowed us to identify the deep support that exists in the community.

Yes 2 Renewables' campaign successfully mobilised communities; built a strong counter narrative to the existing laws; and gained a public commitment from the Daniel Andrews opposition to dump the worst aspects of the laws once elected.



The first half of 2015 saw Yes 2 Renewables run parallel campaigns on national and state issues.

At the Federal level, the Abbott government and crossbenchers established another inquiry into wind energy (announced in Nov 2014). The wind energy inquiry would create ongoing uncertainty for the wind energy sector.

The Select Committee on Wind Turbines was stacked with long-standing wind energy opponents. Senators John Madigan (Chair), Chris Bach, Bob Day, and David Leyonhjelm are on the committee. Yes 2 Renewables acted as a watchdog on the wind inquiry, holding them to account through the process.

The Abbott government's campaign to cut the national Renewable Energy Target was launched in February 2014. The attempt to reduce the RET was the biggest threat to the rollout of renewables.

In Victoria, the newly elected Andrews government presents an opportunity. The government has flagged leadership on renewable energy. It has repealed the worst parts of the Baillieu-era anti-wind laws and is committed to delivering a Renewable Energy Action Plan.

Yes 2 Renewables sought to build on the opportunities presented by the election of a new government by highlighting that a Victorian Renewable Energy Target would act as an insurance policy for renewables when the national scheme was wound back.

For further information.

[Yes2renewables.com](http://Yes2renewables.com)

	<b>90% BY 2020</b>
	<b>50% BY 2025</b>
	<b>50% BY 2030</b>
	<b>TBC ...</b>

## RENEWABLE ENERGY & JOBS

Renewable energy is creating jobs in Portland, yet uncertainty clouds the sector's future. Find out how Portland's renewable energy jobs can be secured.

**SPEAKERS**

- John Hewson, Former Liberal Party leader
- Steve Garner, Koppel Prince General Manager
- Lily D'Ambrosio, Labor Energy spokeswoman
- Greg Barber, Greens Leader

More to be announced...

**EVENT DETAILS**  
 Sunday August 24, 3:00-4:30pm  
 Fawthrop Community Centre,  
 1 Hood St, Portland  
 RSVP - <http://tiny.cc/PortlandForum>



# Anti Nuclear and Clean Energy (ACE)

It has been another big year for anti-nuclear activists, despite the fact that uranium prices have plummeted, most of the world had learnt its lessons from the Fukushima nuclear disaster of 2011 and there is shut-down of nuclear power plants right around the world. The world should be promising a clean, peaceful future as this year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki nuclear bombings.

2015 began with the (not-so) surprise announcement of the “South Australian Royal Commission into the Nuclear Fuel Cycle”. It is clear that the pro-industry commission is hand-in-hand with the SA Government in pushing for a national/ international nuclear waste repository and expansion of uranium mining in SA. We have worked closely with Traditional Owners throughout SA, Conservation Council of SA, Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF), and Australian Nuclear Free Alliance (ANFA) to make sure the Royal Commission acknowledges a) the nuclear racism and devastation from the 1950’s nuclear weapons testing in Maralinga, Montebello Islands, Emu Fields and Woomera, and b) the continued resistance, led by Adnyamathanha and Kokatha Traditional Owners, against uranium mining at Olympic Dam.

Local public meetings, a joint ACF-FoE-SA Conservation Council submission and planning for the next ANFA Meeting (being held in October 2015 in

Quorn, SA) have been major elements of our work over the past year.

The Radioactive Exposure Tour is a tradition that has been going for almost 30 years. The Rad Tour 2015 was an examination of the nuclear landscapes of New South Wales and South Australia. We visited Australia’s only nuclear reactor, ex-uranium mine sites, both of Australia’s two currently operating uranium mines, saw vast areas which are under uranium exploration, during a journey of 5,000 kilometres. This year’s Rad Tour packed around 25 people into two mini-buses and one ute (running on vegetable oil!) to piece together the puzzle of Australia’s “out of sight, out of mind” nuclear legacy.

Highlights included building the nuclear-free networks in NSW, working closely with Uranium Free NSW and visiting Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Dubbo,

Broken Hill and Cobar. We created new connections with Uranium Free Dubbo, facilitating a fiery public meeting to support locals who are challenging a recently approved, radioactive Rare Earths Mine by Alkane Resources.

With the Royal Commission looming, it was more important than ever to build relationships with Traditional Owners throughout South Australia. We were honoured to spend time on Country with some of the Kokatha and Woomera locals, with the message being loud and strong that FoE will continue to stand side-by-side with Aboriginal peoples to protect Country and fight the nuclear industry. We visited Olympic Dam (run by BHP) and Beverly In-situ Leaching Mine, only to learn that these two companies are incestuously involved in the Royal Commission, advocating for expansion



and a waste dump despite opposition by Traditional Owners.

ACE continues the legacy of decades of nuclear-free campaigning and solidarity, with communities impacted first hand by the nuclear industry. A major part of our work is community education, awareness-raising and engagement. We have hosted a range of events over the past year. We would particularly like to thank our regular and occasional donors. The local nuclear-free movement is diverse and includes both people currently active in the Melbourne collective, decades of activists who have come before us, and many supporters at home.





## Protecting the inland Rivers

The Barmah-Millewa Collective (BMC) works to protect the unique, river dependent ecosystems of the Murray Darling Basin, and to support Traditional Owners to restore rights to care for their country. In early 2015 it relaunched as the River Country Campaign, in recognition of the broader focus it has taken since the creation of the Red Gum Parks along the Murray River

More than a decade of campaigning on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan is being rewarded as environmental water rejuvenates key sites such as the Barmah-Millewa forest. But the implementation of the plan requires careful scrutiny and the River Country campaign has been working alongside an alliance of environmental groups to advocate for the environment on a range of issues such as constraints management, the 'critically endangered' listing of the lower Murray, and effective delivery of environmental water.

### NEW PUSH TO LOG RED GUM NATIONAL PARKS

Friends of the Earth has been working to defend the world's largest river red gum forest against a new push to open national parks for logging.

Just four years ago, Victoria and New South Wales declared a network of iconic new River Red Gum National parks along the Murray and Goulburn rivers. The jewel of the crown is the Barmah-Millewa forest, the world's largest river



red gum forest, situated between Echuca and Deniliquin. The logging industry in both states was paid over \$90 million dollars to transition out of logging these dwindling forests and establish sustainable industries. But, in October, a new 'Red Gum Taskforce' established by ex-loggers and local councilors, launched a new public push to allow logging inside the Barmah – Millewa national park.

The taskforce claims that logging will enhance the natural values of the park and reduce fire risk. This ignores landmark

reports by the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council and NSW Natural Resources Commission in 2009 and 2008, which found that logging had degraded red gum forests and should be banned from the new national parks. It is also at odds with the NSW Government's finding that a scientific logging trial in the Barmah-Millewa Forest would increase fire risk and benefit feral predator species like foxes.

The NSW and Victorian Governments planned to run trials of 'ecological thinning', but the agenda to open national parks for full-scale commercial logging is clear. Friends of the Earth lobbied State governments and the Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt to rule out any type of logging in these globally unique forests.

As a result of a strong community campaign, the Victorian government ended the proposal to carry out trial logging in the Barmah forests.

Further information - [melbourne.foe.org.au/river-country](http://melbourne.foe.org.au/river-country)



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## The Emerging Technology Project



It's been an exciting year for the Emerging Technology Project since our launch in July 2014. After many years of work as the Nanotechnology Project, we officially broadened the scope of our activity to include a wide range of emerging technologies.

We have found the concerns we have raised about the potentially harmful effects of new technologies echoed in some unusual quarters! For example, in January, the usually conservative World Economic Forum released a report which found that new technologies, such as synthetic biology, nanotechnology and artificial intelligence, carry largely unknown – but potentially huge – risks.

In July 2014 we launched our new website: <http://emergingtech.foe.org.au> and July's edition of FoE's magazine Chain Reaction was devoted to emerging technologies. The initial focus for our campaign has been on educating the public on the environmental risks associated with new technologies. Throughout the year we have released a series of new factsheets on

nanotechnology, synthetic biology and geoengineering targeted at the general public and for use in schools.

Over the past year a number of new studies have been published that raise concerns about the environmental impacts of nano-ingredients in sunscreen - further demonstrating the need for a precautionary approach. Building on our work of the past few years, we have continued to call for precautionary assessment of the risks of nano-ingredients used in sunscreens and cosmetics, and for mandatory labelling. We have also been working with industry to develop a genuinely non-nano sunscreen to offer people real choice.

Another major focus of our work has been exposing the unregulated use of nanomaterials in food and agriculture and campaigning for precautionary regulation. Our regulators - the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) and Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) – still maintain that nanomaterials are not currently being used in agricultural chemicals and food

in Australia – despite strong evidence to the contrary. Campaigning for a safety first approach to food regulation will continue to be a major focus for us throughout 2015.

In October we worked closely with our allies at FoE US and the ETC Group to campaign for a precautionary approach to synthetic biology at the United Nation's Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) meeting in South Korea. We ran a public campaign exposing the Australian Government's attempts to undermine the process. The meeting resulted in the unanimous decision to formally urge nation states to regulate synthetic biology. This landmark decision followed ten days of hard-fought negotiations between developing countries and a small group

of wealthy biotech-friendly economies – which unfortunately included Australia.

We believe that our work on geoengineering – the large-scale manipulation of the earth's climate systems - will become increasingly important in the years to come. We are concerned that in the future there will be increasing demand for drastic measures to tackle climate change - unless we strengthen societal opposition to these global experiments now. We have taken the lead in mobilising the climate movement to strongly oppose geoengineering research ahead of the climate change negotiations in Paris later this year.

Further information.

<http://emergingtech.foe.org.au>



# Indigenous Protected Areas – Australia’s great unknown conservation story

Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs) are lands owned by Indigenous people, which are voluntarily managed for conservation. There are currently 60 declared IPAs, covering land three times the size of Victoria! IPAs are recognised as providing real social, cultural and environmental benefits through providing employment, protection of country and cultural connection to land. But federal government funding for IPA’s is under threat.

FoE has been working to highlight the many environmental, economic and social benefits of IPAs, and build broad consensus of the need to continue federal funding for IPAs.



## WORKING WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

The Mapuche-Aboriginal Struggles for Indigenous Land (MASIL) Project is planning to organise an exchange in October 2016.

They plan to organise a historic exchange between the Indigenous Mapuche people of Chile and Argentina and the First Nations of this country. A documentary of the tour will also be produced.

*Indigenous peoples have cared for the land for centuries and are the pioneers and experts of environmental sustainability, and we believe that Indigenous knowledge must be respected and valued. The refusal to listen to and respect local Indigenous knowledge has led to vast areas of land and ecosystems becoming irreversibly and permanently damaged.*

*Indigenous worldviews are largely neglected in debates around social change, the impact of globalisation and climate change. However, Indigenous peoples have long histories of resistance, and differing models of social organisation and ways to protect homelands.*

A representative of MASIL visited Wallmapu (Mapuche Territories in Chile and Argentina) in August/September 2015 and visited Mapuche communities to further discussions about the exchange.

**INDIGENOUS PROTECTED AREAS**  
The untold success story of Australian conservation

Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs) are areas of Indigenous-owned land managed by Traditional Owners for conservation and cultural values

Over **55 million hectares** are protected in IPAs

That's **7.16%** of the Australian continent, or nearly **3x** the size of Victoria!

**IPAs ARE PROTECTING AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE**

IPAs make up **40%** of Australia's protected area system

Private 12% | Joint 21% | Government 47%

Indigenous-owned land includes some of the most biodiverse and ecologically intact parts of Australia, helping Australia to meet national and international nature conservation targets

Indigenous owned lands could absorb **82 million tonnes of CO2** helping in the fight against climate change.

**IPAs ARE SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES**

IPAs employ **680** Indigenous Rangers\*

One community reported **\$270,000** worth of positive health benefits from running an IPA\*

**85%** of IPA groups report improved school engagement\*

**IPAs ARE UNDER THREAT**

Natural and cultural landscapes are under threat from climate change, invasive species, changed fire regimes, pollution, overgrazing, and erosion

IPAs only receive about **50 cents** per ha each year. That's about what it costs to order soy milk in your coffee!

There is **\$0 funding** for new IPAs. No guarantee of any funding after 2018.

Support secure, adequate funding for Indigenous Protected Areas

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# Chemicals and water



As in previous years, FoE continued to work on the environmental and public health impacts of chemical use, including the impacts on aquatic ecosystems.

## FOE CALLS FOR BAN ON SIMAZINE

Friends of the Earth have called for urgent changes to way the herbicide Simazine is registered for use.

Simazine has been widely detected in waterways throughout the Melbourne region over the past few years. Levels as low as 0.1 parts per billion can impact on aquatic life.

As we said at the time of the release of our research, it is disturbing that not only has Simazine been detected in Melbourne's drinking water supply, but also in stormwater in 50 locations throughout the city and suburbs.

It appears that Simazine is being applied at high rates across the city, probably around households and commercial

sites. Because Simazine is residual it remains active for long periods of time. It can wash off sprayed sites, into the stormwater system, and hence waterways, months after application. A recent study in Gippsland found Simazine residues nine years after application.

Further information, and a map on Simazine contamination, can be found here. <http://www.melbourne.foe.org.au/simazine>



# The Strezlecki Koala

The Strezlecki koalas are a unique sub species of koala, found in the Strezlecki Ranges to the south east of Melbourne. During 2014/15, FoE continued to provide a watchdog role of logging operations in the Strezleckis, and also carried out extensive surveys of koala habitat in the Ranges. This provided detailed information on the location of koala habitat and population numbers, which has been useful for land managers and state government authorities.



## CounterAct

2014/15 was a big year for climate justice with much of our training, support and resource development work being focused on the climate movement.

We ran workshops across the country from Perth to Darwin to Central Queensland, and many places in between - with a series of "train the trainer" events seeking to further build capacity across the environment sector. A highlight of this work was supporting

the significant Pacific Climate Warriors flotilla action in October 2014, gaining worldwide media coverage and challenging the coal industry in Newcastle port, and supporting related solidarity events.

Mid 2015 saw the second annual "Change Course" run in collaboration with Friends of the Earth, courtesy of a grant from the Kimberly Foundation - what we hope will now become an annual event.

18 social and environmental justice campaigners learned a range of skills from political engagement, to social media, to campaign strategy, across a series of workshops. This event was again received with excellent feedback and its great to see our participants deepening their networks and skills.

# Other Activity

## THE PEOPLES' SUMMIT

The Peoples' Summit was a three-day festival (held Nov 12 – 14) that ran parallel to the formal Group of 20 (G20) proceedings. It featured symposiums, idea-sharing, art, creative activities, education and action, bringing together local and international thinkers on economics, environment, climate change, social justice, colonisation, rights, politics and peace.

FoE helped to organise the Summit, in conjunction with a range of Brisbane based organisations.

Speakers at the summit included Lex Wotton, Sharan Burrow, and Senator Larissa Waters.



## AUSTRALIAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RESEARCH PROJECT

The Australian Environmental Justice (AEJ) research team at RMIT University is creating a public online database of cases of environmental injustice — for affected communities, campaigners and educators.

The AEJ project has Friends of the Earth (Australia) (FoE) as a partner and is associated with the EU-funded international Environmental Justice, and was launched at FoE in May.

## FAIR TRADE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

FoE was a founding member of Fairtrade ANZ. It seeks to

1. Promote the concept and many social and environmental benefits of Fair Trade.
2. Increase the range, availability and sales of Fairtrade Certified products.
3. Provide effective licensing, labelling and certification services to all aspects of the production cycle.

In recent years, a key focus of the work has been to broaden the range of certified products into new areas.

<http://fairtrade.com.au/>

## WORLD PARKS CONGRESS - SYDNEY

The sixth World Parks Congress was held in Sydney from November 12–18. The Congress is held every 10 years by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, and around 3,000 people attended, including government, NGO and industry representatives, Indigenous and community leaders and researchers and scientists from across the world. The theme for this year's congress is *People, Parks and Planet: Inspiring Solutions*.

Prior to, and during the Congress, FoE networked with our fellow eNGOs on issues of common interest; and hosted a number of side-events during the Congress itself.

# Shared work



FoE has always placed considerable emphasis on collaborating with other organisations and networks to achieve good outcomes for the environment. A number of our collaborations (for instance with Gene Ethics) are more than two decades old. Others are more recent.

In the past year we have worked closely with other organisations around grassroots community campaigning to drive action on climate change. This has involved a number of partnerships in Queensland. On the national scale, we have worked with international campaign group 350.org to promote a transition in investment away from fossil fuels and into renewable energy. We work closely with the Australian Wind Alliance in support of renewable energy. We are actively involved in the Lock the Gate Alliance.

## PARTNERS AND ALLIANCES

FoEA places considerable emphasis on working in alliances with other progressive sectors of Australian society and is currently a member of, or working closely with, the following networks and organisations:

- The Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition <http://www.asoc.org/>
- Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network (AFTINET);
- Fairtrade Australia New Zealand
- The Boomerang Alliance. The Alliance is made up of Australia's leading environment groups, is committed to work for zero waste in Australia. <http://www.boomerangalliance.org/>
- The Refugee Council of Australia;
- Australians for Just Refugee Programs;
- Inland Rivers Network (IRN) is a grouping of environmental organisations, including the Australian Conservation Foundation, Nature Conservation Council of NSW, National Parks Association and FoE);
- The Lock the Gate Alliance
- Places You Love alliance
- The Australian Nuclear Free Alliance
- We are a founding member of the Australian Wind Alliance (originally set up as the Victorian Wind Alliance, established in 2012)
- FoE is a member of 1% For the Planet

For a full list of our campaign partnerships, please check here: <http://www.foe.org.au/partners>



## Chain Reaction

Chain Reaction is the national magazine of FoE Australia. Three editions are produced each year. An editorial team comprised of active FoE campaigners, with support from an Advisory Board, produces Chain Reaction.

<http://foe.org.au/chain-reaction>

# Local group snapshots

## FOE KURANDA

Friends of the Earth Kuranda is based on the Atherton Tablelands in far north QLD. It holds regular forums and public events, has a column in the local newspaper, and does community outreach via public events. It has supported various campaigns over the past year, including:

Some highlights from 2014/15.

- FoE Kuranda was closely involved in the formation of CSG Free NQ Inc, which is an umbrella organisation for 5 local community groups - CSG free - Kuranda, Cairns, Mareeba, Cooktown and Port Douglas. These groups were formed to raise awareness about the risks and dangers of coal seam gas coming to Mt Mulligan and Cape York and North Queensland. Over the year CSG free NQ was involved in organising over 20 CSG-free information days, film nights, music events and information stalls at venues, festivals and markets.

As a result of the campaign the gas licence for Mt Mulligan has been handed back to the government and the Cooktown and Port Douglas Councils have declared themselves 'Gas free Shires'.

- FoE Kuranda was involved in trying to raise awareness and find solutions to the problem of pollution in the

Barron River from the extensive clearing of land for agriculture and pine plantations in the river's catchment, and from the heavy use of pesticides involved. Because of these concerns the Queensland Government says that they may allocate \$20,000 to also test the Barron River for agri-chemical and heavy metals pollutants over the next year.

- FoE Kuranda was involved in helping to protect the threatened Spectacle Flying Fox Colony in heritage listed trees in the Cairns CBD, which the Cairns Council tried to remove by heavy pruning and by cutting some of the trees down.

After spending \$150,000 trying to remove the flying foxes, Cairns Council is now facing a possible fine of up to \$500,000 from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection for illegal clearing. The council has said that they will no longer try to remove this flying fox colony and instead they will form a special group to manage them - and that they will spend \$165,000 to take care of the bats heritage listed trees over the near term.

- FoE Kuranda holds monthly meetings and has a regular column in the Kuranda paper on the environmental issues that affect Kuranda, Cairns, the Tablelands and Cape York.

## FOE ADELAIDE

Friends of the Earth Adelaide has two main collectives. The Fair Food Adelaide collective works on food sovereignty issues including March Against Monsanto, and the Clean Futures Collective focuses on Mining and Energy; and is pro-renewables, anti-nuclear, and anti-fracking.

## FAIR FOOD ADELAIDE

This financial year Fair Food Adelaide focussed on events for Fair Food Week, which is held each October. In 2014 we held three events – a bicycle community garden tour, a forum on food poverty co-hosted with Foodbank SA, and the March Against Monsanto rally.

Our monthly Urban Orchard food swap is continuing, and instead of rallying on the second anniversary of the first March Against Monsanto we wrote letters to SA's Agriculture Minister to congratulate him on standing strong to continue SA's GM moratorium and championing soil improvement rather than GMO crops.

We also lobbied the federal Agriculture Minister and Health Minister asking them to ban the weedkiller Roundup (glyphosate) in light of the recent

announcement by the World Health Organisation that it probably causes cancer. We have received replies from Barnaby Joyce saying the approval status of glyphosate is under review.

We are also collecting signatures for a petition to Bunnings asking them to stop stocking the neonicotinoid pesticides that harm bees. We also work with the GM-Free Australia Alliance as one of its member groups.

Further information.

[www.facebook/fairfoodadelaide](http://www.facebook/fairfoodadelaide) and [www.facebook/groups/MarchAgainstMonsantoAdelaide](http://www.facebook/groups/MarchAgainstMonsantoAdelaide)

Sign up for our fortnightly e-newsletter at the bottom left side of our home page [www.adelaide.foe.org.au](http://www.adelaide.foe.org.au).





## CLEAN FUTURES COLLECTIVE

The Clean Futures Collective regrouped and decided to become more active in the area of renewables as an alternative to nuclear energy early in the year – just in time for the Royal Commission into the Nuclear Fuel “Cycle” to come along. Our Premier Jay Weatherill thinks this is a way forward for the state with jobs and a solution to climate change that will help the economy – we strongly disagree with him and want to see a renewable future.

The Royal Commission has taken up most of the group’s time since February. We have hired a part-time Campaigner for 6 months to November and are meeting weekly to progress plans. We have a major fundraising appeal to extend the campaign to the end of the Royal Commission. We made two submissions into the Commission’s Terms of Reference, attended each of the three Adelaide based community ‘consultations’ and are currently writing submissions for each of the four issues papers on uranium mining, enrichment, electricity and nuclear waste.

Unfortunately the Adelaide Advertiser seems to be part of the formidable pro-nuclear campaign running articles with extremely biased and factually incorrect information such as nuclear power can provide free energy and abolish state taxes! It has been very difficult to counter such propaganda with actual cold hard technical and economic facts.

We are working closely with the Conservation Council of SA and

Nuclear Operations Watch Port Adelaide (NOWPA) and are an active part of the newly formed state-wide anti-nuclear coalition. We also work closely with FoE Australia’s nuclear free campaigner Dr Jim Green. Once the Royal Commission submissions are complete by early August we will move towards more community campaigning against the nuclear fuel chain. So far we’ve worked with the SA anti-nuclear coalition contributing to a fundraising poetry-slam picnic, a remembrance media conference on Fukushima Day March 11th, were part of a nuclear-free contingent at the March in March rally, held stalls at nuclear forums, supported Aboriginal people at a nuclear free

forum in Port Augusta, and member Dr Philip White held a nuclear power workshop at Students of Sustainability conference along with Dr Jim Green.

We participated in the ANFA led banner drop at SOS, and an action in Rundle Mall to support Aboriginal people around community closures/protecting the Murray River/protecting country from the nuclear industry. We have more stalls and a movie night planned, and are in the early stages of organising more events to further mobilise the nuclear free community.

We also made submissions to the Senate Inquiries into Wind Farms and the SA Inquiry into gas fracking. We co-hosted a film evening with

the Conservation Council, screening “Farmlands not Gaslands” about the success of the Victorian community campaign to keep their farmland free of gas fracking.

Members and friends can keep up to date with progress via our googlegroup, fortnightly e-newsletter, general Facebook page and website.

See [www.facebook.com/friendsoftheearthadelaide](http://www.facebook.com/friendsoftheearthadelaide) and [www.adelaide.foe.org.au](http://www.adelaide.foe.org.au)

Sign up for our fortnightly e-newsletter at the bottom left side of our home page.

Contact Secretary Robyn Wood [robyn.wood@foe.org.au](mailto:robyn.wood@foe.org.au) for more information about either collective.



## Working in our region

Over the past few years Friends of the Earth International has increased its focus on member groups building collaboration at the regional level. We are active in the Friends of the Earth Asia Pacific network, which has member groups in a wide arc from Sri Lanka to Nepal, South Korea and Japan, and across to New Zealand/ Aotearoa.

We also collaborated directly with FoE Indonesia (WALHI) over the speaking tour by Arie Rompas.

# Our international work

As part of an international federation active in 76 countries, FoE Australia often seeks funding from Australian sources in order to support projects by FoE groups in other parts of the world. These sources include government programs, donations from members of the public and support from Australian-based philanthropic foundations. In many instances, FoEA simply acts to connect potential donors with worthwhile projects in the global South, meaning funds raised do not appear in our accounts. This saves on administration costs within Australia, thereby maximising the effectiveness of donations or other support received.

In the case of funds provided through Australian government programs, these allocations are managed through the FoE Australia accounts to ensure reporting to Australian government standards.

All FoE International member groups must ensure effective management of funds received and appropriate reporting. This is overseen by the FoEI executive committee and the FoEI secretariat, based in Amsterdam.

FoE Australia is active in a range of the FoE International campaigns.

<http://foei.org>



## OUR AFFILIATE MEMBERS WHOSE WORK IS FOCUSED OVERSEAS

FoEA has a number of affiliate groups and projects that support grassroots and community-based projects in the global South.

### MUKWANO AUSTRALIA

The Mukwano Australia project supports the Katuulo Organic Pineapple Cooperative to build, staff and maintain a health care centre in Katuulo, a remote rural community in Uganda. The health care centre will be accessed by twenty-five organic farm families who are members of the cooperative, as well as hundreds of people from the surrounding community.

### TULELE PEISA

Tulele Peisa — “sailing the waves on our own” — is a local community organisation in Papua New Guinea that is working to relocate the whole island community of the Carterets to nearby Bougainville because of the impacts of climate change. It was established by Ursula Rakova to help negotiate and facilitate the movement of the Cartarets community.

<http://tuelepeisa.org/>

# The organisation in 2014/2015



## ORGANISATIONAL MILESTONES

Long term activist June Norman from FoE Brisbane was awarded recognition from the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) award in appreciation of her strong commitment to world peace and efforts through a number of community organisations, including FoE, and for her 1,400km walk from Brisbane to Canberra.

Long term FoE Melbourne members Beth Cameron and Cam Walker received City of Yarra sustainability awards. Cam was awarded the inaugural Frank Fisher award. Frank was a life long activist and sustainability practitioner.

FoE Sydney wound up after 2 decades of activity. We thank every single volunteer and member who supported the groups work in Sydney. We are always open to a new FoE Sydney group emerging.

## NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

FoEA grew over the past year, with two new affiliate members joining the network.

### Bunbury Against Coal Exports

Bunbury Against Coal Exports (BACE) is opposing coal exports from Bunbury in south west Western Australia. Griffin Coal, now owned by Indian mining giant Lanco, plans to export 15 million tons of coal per year from Bunbury Port.

## Healthy Futures

Healthy Futures is a network of health professionals, students and supporters organising to take action on climate change and related public health challenges. They joined FoE Australia as an affiliate in 2015.

Health professionals realise that climate change is a global health issue and want to take meaningful action to mitigate the effects of climate change on human health. Such threats to health include mortality from increasingly frequent heat waves, extreme weather events, and changing infectious disease patterns. Healthy Futures is connecting and up-skilling health professionals, students and supporters in taking organised action on climate change.

Healthy Futures current work focuses on getting HESTA, Australia's largest health industry super fund, to divest from thermal coal. They are also joining forces with other health groups to plan the health sector's participation in the People's Climate March this November, and thinking about they can continue to collaborate effectively next year.

Further information.  
[www.healthyfutures.net.au](http://www.healthyfutures.net.au)



# Global context and connections

## FOE'S ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Since its creation in 1974, FoE Australia has always pioneered thinking and practises that link personal and collective behaviour with good environmental outcomes. FoE has always sought to incorporate sustainable behaviour into our work – to 'walk the talk', often long before such action has become mainstream. In the 1970s this was as simple as promoting renewable technology, placing solar hot water systems on our buildings, using 'ecolabels' so envelopes could be recycled, and promoting 'no junk mail' stickers.

We also developed a number of community businesses, which pioneered a low impact approach from their creation. Our bulk food store, which was set up in Melbourne in the mid 1970s, composts all vegetable waste for reuse in food production, and has such high recycling rates that it continues to produce waste in only one 60 L rubbish bin a week. Our not for

profit grocery store, The Pantry, based at the South Melbourne Commons, was a local example of a small business operating on best practice guidelines in order to reduce environmental impact and waste. Reverse Garbage in Brisbane diverts waste from going to landfill through finding alternative uses for many materials.

In recent years we have sought to formalise some of our actions through the creation of policy aimed at reducing the carbon and resource footprint of our campaigns and business operations. Apart from supporting green power, using non CCA treated timber, 100% post consumer waste paper, and maintaining stringent recycling systems in our offices we encourage the use of public transport wherever possible for intra and inter city travel. Our magazines and all other public materials are published on post consumer waste and bagasse sourced paper.

Friends of the Earth Australia is the national member of Friends of the Earth International (FoEI), which is the world's largest federation of national environmental organisations. Friends of the Earth International now has 76 member countries and 15 affiliate groups representing more than 2 million people. This means that Friends of the Earth's impact and solutions can be felt globally.

FoE International mission

- To collectively ensure environmental and social justice, human dignity, and respect for human rights and peoples' rights so as to secure sustainable societies.
- To halt and reverse environmental degradation and depletion of natural resources, nurture the earth's ecological and cultural diversity, and secure sustainable livelihoods.
- To secure the empowerment of indigenous peoples, local communities, women, groups and individuals, and to ensure public participation in decision making.
- To bring about transformation towards sustainability and equity between and within societies with creative approaches and solutions.

- To engage in vibrant campaigns, raise awareness, mobilize people and build alliances with diverse movements, linking grassroots, national and global struggles.
- To inspire one another and to harness, strengthen and complement each other's capacities, living the change we wish to see and working together in solidarity.

FoEI has a democratic structure with autonomous national groups, which comply with the guidelines established by the federation. FoEI member groups are united by a common conviction that these aims require both strong grassroots activism and effective national and international campaigning and coordination. They see Friends of the Earth International as a unique and diverse forum to pursue international initiatives, taking advantage of the varied backgrounds and perspectives of its members.

More information about the work of FoE groups around the world and copies of the FoEI annual report can be found at: <http://www.foei.org>

Details on the FoE I Executive Committee (ExCom) is available at: [www.foei.org/about/excom.html](http://www.foei.org/about/excom.html)

## WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE

- Our federation structure means that local groups work in ways that are most appropriate to their local circumstances
- Our grassroots focus and strong volunteer basis means we are able to work effectively with a vast range of groups and community groups
- FoE is acknowledged as being the leanest of the large environmental groups in terms of minimising administration costs and overheads
- We have strong regional and global connections through the FoE International network
- FoE acts as a training ground for many emerging campaigners
- We bring a strong human rights perspective to all our campaigns
- FoE continues to respond to emerging issues and popularise them well before the rest of the environment movement. The most recent example of this is our strong campaign on nanotechnology.

## HOW WE WORK

We are a national federation of groups that work through community engagement, education and mobilisation. We have a strong focus on working in alliances with others in the environmental and social justice movements and with organisations in the broader community. In recent years we have developed stronger links with communities and organisations in regional Australia and with the renewable energy sector. We engage in advocacy, and support community mobilisations and peaceful direct action by the community in appropriate circumstances.

We manage a range of not for profit social enterprises, including an organic cafe, food co-operative, and 'Reverse Garbage' enterprise, which finds commercial uses for materials which would otherwise go to landfill.

We are politically non-aligned and seek to develop working relations with a range of Parties, businesses and others in civil society.

## FOE AUSTRALIA STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

FoE Australia is composed of independent member groups. Each group is self-managing in terms of its campaigns, decision-making structures and fund-raising and needs to meet certain membership criteria. These are assessed on an annual basis. In addition to their local work, groups co-operate on specific campaigns at an appropriate and sustainable level.

Communication between local groups is facilitated by the National Liaison Officers. FoE Melbourne currently hosts the national liaison office. Kat Moore and Cam Walker have acted as the NLOs over the past year.

A Committee of Management is appointed at the AGM and has strategic oversight for finances, governance, and legal issues.

A separate committee appointed at the AGM manages the FoE Australia Public Fund.

The International Liaison Officers are responsible for communication between FoE Australia and FoE International (FoEI). Over the past year, the ILOs have been Nick McLean, Derec Davies, and Sam Cossar-Gilbert.

National spokespeople are nominated by local groups and are approved to speak on behalf of FoE Australia on specific issues. The regional contacts represent the FoE network in areas where there are currently no local groups.

Decisions are made at two national meetings, which are generally held in February and October. The AGM is held as part of the October meeting. Various communication structures keep groups informed during the year. FoEA places great value on participatory decision making systems and internal information sharing.

## FRIENDS OF THE EARTH AUSTRALIA COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Jim Green (FoE Australia) Chair,  
Sam Castro (FoE Melbourne) Secretary,  
Jon Gleu (FoE Kuranda)  
Franklin Bruinstroop (FoE Brisbane), Treasurer  
Louise Sales (FoE Australia),  
Chloe Aldenhoven (FoE Melbourne).



# Financial Report 2015

## STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

These figures represent the financial statements of Friends of the Earth Australia.

Friends of the Earth Australia's administrative functions are hosted by, and receive substantial logistical and in-kind support from FoE Melbourne, including the part time allocation of two staff members to national functions. The finance manager at FoE Melbourne manages the national accounts. This keeps overhead costs extremely low. In particular, almost all costs associated by processing donations for overseas work is absorbed by the Operations budget of FoE Melbourne, ensuring an absolute minimum of funds donated for overseas projects are used for administration.

The following is a summary of the financial report for Friends of the Earth Australia for 2014/15. Copies of the full audited financial report are available upon request.

### STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the members of the committee the financial report:

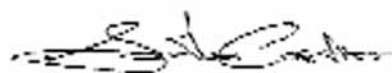
- represents a true and fair view of the financial position of Friends of the Earth (Australia) Inc as at 30 June 2015 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

	2015	2014
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Advertising	\$1,040.00	\$100.00
Publishing Income	\$2,876.77	\$2,517.69
Subscription	\$941.00	\$4,104.15
Donations	\$792,131.38	\$801,347.07
Campaign Income	\$70,301.95	\$302,525.72
Grant Income	\$384,093.84	\$300,672.23
Grant Income - GVEHO	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Bank Interest	\$14,035.28	\$4,551.70
Miscellaneous Income	\$5,399.97	\$23,470.81
Administration Income	\$84,616.22	\$67,898.81
Legacies and Bequest	\$0.00	\$14,250.00
Fundraising	\$4,201.17	\$388.00
Chain Reaction Sales	\$9,858.00	\$2,845.50
	<b>\$1,369,495.58</b>	<b>\$1,525,826.18</b>

	2015	2014
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Grant Expenditure	\$0.00	\$0.00
Publishing Cost	\$15,492.00	\$18,837.02
Wages and Assoc. Cost	\$255,844.01	\$174,791.10
Administration Expenses	\$172,785.72	\$144,940.78
Subscriptions	\$13,647.86	\$23,638.40
Telephone and Fax	\$2,639.96	\$2,007.12
Campaigning Cost	\$39,803.75	\$113,929.80
Bank Charges & Fees	\$3,763.54	\$3,679.39
Consultants	\$37,995.23	\$108,888.26
Insurance	\$10,170.56	\$8,206.41
National Meeting Expenditure	\$2,814.60	\$2,546.74
Audit Fees - Audit or Reviewing the Financial Report	\$46,371.34	\$36,186.52
Donations Expenditure	\$320,693.82	\$680,704.62
Travel Cost	\$27,689.32	\$26,260.66
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$48,807.78	\$54,285.70
Depreciation	\$1,744.57	\$1,744.57
Cost of Good Sold	\$31.94	\$0.00
Bad Debts	\$16,081.51	\$4,000.00
	<b>\$1,016,377.51</b>	<b>\$1,405,333.86</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$353,118.07</b>	<b>\$120,492.32</b>

<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		
Items that may be reclassified subsequent to Profit or Loss	\$0.00	\$0.00
Items that will not be reclassified subsequent to Profit or Loss	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE MEMBERS</b>	<b>\$353,118.07</b>	<b>\$120,492.32</b>

- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Friends of the Earth (Australia) Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due. This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



Collingwood, Victoria

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

	Notes	2015	2014
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash on Hand and at Bank		\$613,870.77	\$360,168.36
Short-Term Bank Deposits		\$250,000.00	\$60,897.78
Accounts receivable & other debtors	3	\$72,535.34	\$123,703.94
Inventories on hand	1(o)	\$2,493.75	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>\$938,899.86</b>	<b>\$544,770.08</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and Equipment	5	\$7,523.05	\$9,267.62
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>\$7,523.05</b>	<b>\$9,267.62</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$946,422.91</b>	<b>\$554,037.70</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payables & other payables		\$165,591.32	\$159,549.72
Grants/Income received in advance		\$130,000.00	\$104,444.08
Employee Provisions	1(l), 2	\$4,362.07	\$22,108.16
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>\$299,953.39</b>	<b>\$286,101.96</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowing's		\$0.00	\$0.00
Employee Provisions	1(1)	\$25,415.71	\$0.00
Other Payables		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>\$25,415.71</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>\$325,369.10</b>	<b>\$286,101.96</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>\$621,053.81</b>	<b>\$267,935.74</b>
<b>RETAINED SURPLUS</b>			
Opening Retained Surplus		\$267,935.74	\$147,443.42
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		\$353,118.07	\$120,492.32
<b>TOTAL RETAINED SURPLUS</b>	10	<b>\$621,053.81</b>	<b>\$267,935.74</b>

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Notes	2015	2014
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Merchandise and Publishing Income		\$3,916.77	\$2,617.69
Payments to Suppliers		(\$17,985.75)	(\$18,837.02)
Subscription receipts		\$941.00	\$4,104.15
Administration income		\$84,616.22	\$67,898.81
Administration expenditure		(\$159,074.50)	(\$170,063.84)
Donations receipts		\$792,131.38	\$801,347.07
Bank interest		\$14,035.28	\$4,551.70
Bank charges		(\$3,763.54)	(\$3,679.39)
Miscellaneous receipts		\$5,399.97	\$23,470.81
Subscriptions expenditure		(\$13,647.86)	(\$23,638.40)
Wages and associated payments		(\$255,844.01)	(\$174,791.10)
Other miscellaneous payments		(\$176,488.79)	(\$238,381.41)
Grant receipts		\$444,736.85	\$30,061.46
Grant expenditure		\$0.00	\$0.00
Project/Campaign Costs		(\$39,803.75)	(\$113,929.80)
Donations Expenses		(\$320,693.83)	(\$680,704.62)
Campaign Income		\$70,301.95	\$302,525.72
Legacies and Bequest		\$0.00	\$14,250.00
Fundraising receipts		\$4,201.17	\$388.00
Fundraising payments		(\$31.94)	\$0.00
Royalties receipts		\$9,858.00	\$0.00
<b>Net cash provided / (used) by Operating Activities</b>	8	<b>\$442,804.63</b>	<b>(\$172,810.17)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Plant & Equipment Purchases		\$0.00	\$0.00
Proceeds on Sale of Plant & Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Net cash provided / (used) in Investing Activities</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from borrowing's		\$0.00	\$0.00
Repayment of borrowing's		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Net cash provided / (used) in Financing Activities</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>\$442,804.63</b>	<b>(\$172,810.17)</b>
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at the Beginning of the Financial Year</b>		<b>\$421,066.14</b>	<b>\$593,876.30</b>
<b>CASH &amp; CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	9	<b>\$863,870.77</b>	<b>\$421,066.13</b>



## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RETAINED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	RETAINED SURPLUS	OTHER RESERVE	TOTAL
Balance as at 1 July 2013	\$147,443.42	\$0.00	\$147,443.42
Comprehensive Income			
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year attributable to members	\$120,494.32	\$0.00	\$120,494.32
Other Comprehensive Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to the members for the year	\$120,492.32	\$0.00	\$120,443.32
Balance as at 30 June 2014 / 1 July 2014	\$267,935.74	\$0.00	\$267,935.74
Comprehensive Income			
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year attributable to members	\$353,118.07	\$0.00	\$353,118.07
Other Comprehensive Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to the members for the year	\$353,118.07	\$0.00	\$353,118.07
Balance as at 30 June 2015	\$621,053.81	\$0.00	\$621,053.81

## INTERNATIONAL AID AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES 2014-15

	TULELE PEISA
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Donated funds	\$20,150.00
Grants	
Other Income (fundraising)	
Total Revenue	\$20,150.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Bank Charges	\$1.49
Donation to others	\$20,461.42
Total Expenses	\$20,461.42
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>





## SUPPORTERS

FoE Australia gratefully acknowledges the many members and supporters who support our local groups and national campaigns through our regular giving program.

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## OUR BEQUEST PROGRAM

Thank you to our many members who have let us know that they are including FoE in their wills. Every gift, whether large or small, makes a real difference.

If you would like further information on remembering FoE in your will, see <http://www.foe.org.au/about-us/bequest> or call Phil Evans in the Melbourne office: 03 9419 8700 (ext 23) or toll free 1300 852 081.



## FOE AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGNS TEAM & CONTACTS

FoE has local groups in Adelaide, Bridgetown (WA), Brisbane, Kuranda (Qld), Melbourne, and South West WA. FoE has offices in Adelaide, Brisbane, and Melbourne.

## IT HAS THE FOLLOWING AFFILIATE MEMBERS:

Bunbury Against Coal Exports (BACE)  
CounterAct  
Food Irradiation Watch (FI Watch)  
Healthy Futures  
In Our Nature  
Market Forces

Mukwano – Supporting Health Care in Organic Farming Communities, Uganda

No Fracking Way (WA)

‘Protect Arnhem Land’ (PAL), NT.

Reverse Garbage (Brisbane)

Sustainable Energy Now. (SEN)

Tulele Peisa –  
“sailing the waves on our own”. PNG.

West Mallee Protection. (WMP)

## FOEA HAS NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS, PROJECTS & SPOKESPEOPLE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Anti nuclear and clean energy  
Climate change  
Emerging technology  
Chemicals and pesticides  
The Murray Darling Basin  
Forests and biodiversity  
Food and agriculture  
Coal and Coal Seam Gas

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