



Friends of the Earth Australia

Annual Report 2018-2019

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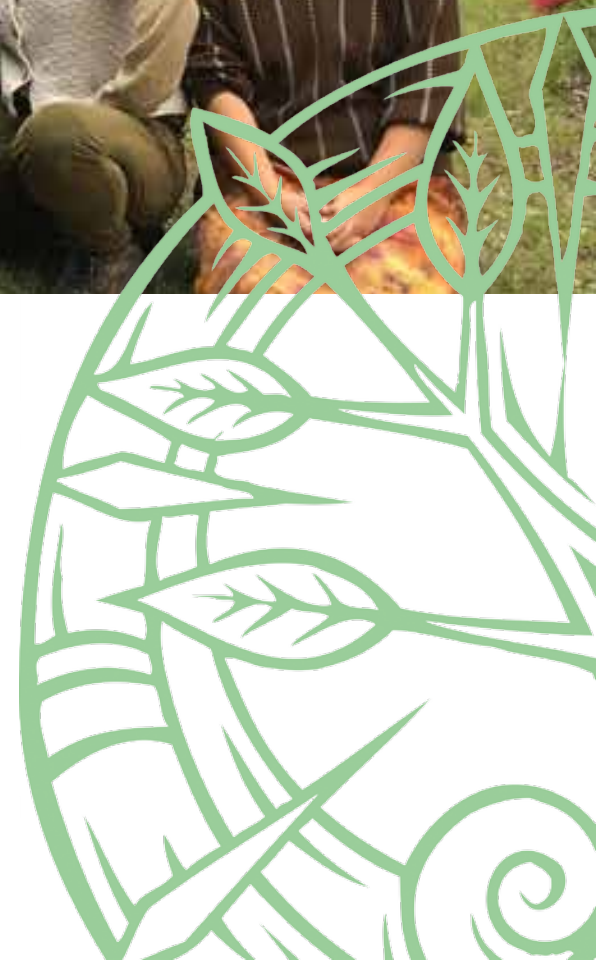
Friends of the Earth Australia recognises First Nations sovereignty and that the land on which work and meet was stolen during the Frontier Wars, upon colonisation. Friends of the Earth pay respect to their Elders, past and present and emerging, and acknowledge the pivotal role that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within the community. We work at the local level with specific Indigenous communities as well as participating in broader debates and campaigns at the national and international level.

Our vision is of a world where everyone's needs are met in a way which 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.

Friends of the Earth 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.

We understand that in an era of globalisation and international environmental problems that a global and co-operative response is required, and we are constantly seeking to develop strong relations with environmental and social justice movements in all parts of the world.



LOCAL GROUPS

Friends of the Earth is made up of a federation of local groups and other members. Local groups themselves campaign on local issues with the larger global context.

Currently Friends of the Earth has 9 local groups working on different issues:

ADELAIDE

- A fair and just transition for workers in the fossil fuel industry
- Nuclear waste issues

BRIDGETOWN - GREENBUSHES

- Forestry issues - in particular representation on the Forest Stewardship Council and WA Forest Alliance

BRISBANE

- Strong collaboration with the Reverse Garbage initiative
- Forced climate migration and Pacific Island Solidarity especially in collaboration with Tulele Peisa
- Peace and anti-nuclear initiatives, particularly drawing links between militarism and environmental impacts
- Resisting fossil fuel expansion and climate justice issues

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

- Cassowary Keystone Conservation

MELBOURNE

- Energy justice issues resisting new fossil fuel developments and fair and just transition for workers
- A swift transformation of the energy sector to one of 100% renewable energy
- Climate justice action particularly emphasising frontline affected community voices
- Nuclear resistance supporting national work in South Australia against waste dump proposals
- Transforming our transport sector from vehicular use to one that privileges public and active transport alternatives
- Restoring equity to water flows in the Murray Darling Basin - one where agricultural, ecological and cultural needs are all carefully considered
- Stopping native forest logging and seeing a fair and just transition for workers in that industry
- Supporting communities in their local struggles



PERTH

- Working with First Nations communities to ban uranium mining
- Reducing food waste
- Transformation of the economic system to one that services people and planet, rather than profit

SYDNEY

- FoE Sydney continued to work in support of the Stop Adani Alliance

SOUTH WEST AUSTRALIA

- SWWA work closely with affiliate member Sustainable Energy Now (SEN) on renewables and clean energy.



Friends of the Earth activists gathered on World Water Day in March outside BHP's headquarters

Friends of the Earth Australia was founded 45 years ago opposing a nuclear plant in Victoria. To this day we have been involved in the resistance against all stages of the nuclear cycle - mines, power, weapons and waste.

NUCLEAR WASTE

In 2018/19 the focus was on nuclear waste. Friends of the Earth is working for responsible management of Australia's radioactive waste. The proposed waste dump sites in South Australia should be taken off the table. We are advocating for a full independent inquiry into the best way to manage our most dangerous waste. The government must stop targeting remote and regional areas and give First Nations People a right of veto for proposals that threaten their country and culture.

We ran a strong Federal Election campaign which amplified local voices, and did a tour

of port towns on potential waste transport routes where we spoke with Councils, Unions, regional media and politicians. We also ran advertisements in local media and lobbied candidates in the seat of Grey.

Outside of the election cycle we facilitated community participation in submission processes, and also organised rallies in Adelaide (December 2018) and Port Augusta (August 2018). We also met with Federal Senators, MPs, Minister's Advisors, Departmental Staff and state politicians to discuss the issue and provide advice and technical information.

NUCLEAR POWER? NO WAY!

Friends of the Earth have also been pushing back against the latest push to introduce nuclear power to Australia - writing detailed submissions, doing media work, and facilitating community involvement in the campaign.

COORDINATING AND SUPPORTING NATIONAL ALLIANCES

Friends of the Earth also auspiced, supported and attended the First Nations led Australian Nuclear Free Alliance meeting and has become the administrator of the No Dump Alliance.



CLIMATE & ENERGY JUSTICE

It is undeniable that we find ourselves deep within the midst of an unfolding climate crisis.

Friends of the Earth believes in pursuing climate justice. This means that our work addresses the social issues, such as disproportionate use of resources, inequality, and colonisation, whilst we take the urgent action required to address greenhouse gas emissions.

Friends of the Earth are actively working to build resilient communities around the country to resist the spread of the nuclear, coal, and gas industry, to protect forests - our beautiful carbon sinks - and to adapt and prepare for the already changing climate.

Our climate justice campaigns have forged the agenda on the human rights dimensions of climate change. We have supported the rights of those at risk of climate-induced displacement as well as exposing the social impacts of carbon offset schemes in countries of the global south.



Friends of the Earth's Tipping Point project played a pivotal role in supporting local groups coordinate national Stop Adani events

**JOIN THE NATIONAL DOORKNOCK
TO #STOPADANI 6-7TH
OCTOBER**



The Tipping Point Team have worked in collaboration with the Stop Adani Movement and to support the Climate Strike network.



CARBON FOOTPRINT

Current international agreements do not require governments to include military emissions as part of their reporting obligations. Currently, it appears that the Federal Government is only reporting on a small part of possible military emissions. We have contacted the Department of Defence and continue to probe for information about what the Australian Defence Force's true carbon 'footprint' is.

STOP ADANI

Friends of the Earth continues to support and connect the #StopAdani grassroots network that are working in their communities to stop Adani's mega coal mine and move Australia beyond coal.

We have worked, via our Tipping Point national project to:

- facilitate the formation of dozens of new groups;
- train hundreds of leaders in key organising and campaigning skills; and
- mentor and support 100 local #StopAdani groups through webinars, online resources and phone support to design and execute high impact tactics in their communities.



SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL STRIKE FOR CLIMATE

We are also supporting the growing Climate Strike network and its allies to build a movement that is calling for ambitious climate action. This student led movement has grown massively throughout the year and we are keen to provide support to foster the growth of these new leaders.



Members of Market Forces, like Munira, attended AGMs both in Australia and internationally, like HSBC's in the United Kingdom.

MARKET FORCES

Market Forces has continued to grow its campaign program to shift finance and investment away from the causes of environmental harm.

Highlights include another year of keeping the Adani Carmichael coal project at bay, as more than fifty companies publicly rule out financial support for, or working with Adani on their climate-wrecking coal mine.

Major shifts in direction from financial institutions have also been observed, such as Commonwealth Bank, QBE and Suncorp all committing to be out of thermal coal by 2030 or earlier, and Singapore's major banks and Standard Chartered all committing to not take on any deals for new coal power plants.





TULELE PEISA - FORCED CLIMATE MIGRATION WORK

Climate change threatens the livelihoods and lands of many of our regional neighbours. For over a decade, Friends of the Earth have collaborated with member group Tulele Peisa (TP) on a relocation project from the Cartaret Islands, which lie offshore from Bougainville. Rising sea levels have meant that the Carteret Islands will soon be uninhabitable and the people are slowly relocating to Bougainville. This work is done through a FoE project housed in Brisbane called Climate Frontlines (CF).

Over the last few years work has been done to establish financial independence for the project through the production and marketing of cocoa, via Bougainville Cocoa Net. It continues to run training in enhanced cocoa production for local farmers groups.

Like all Bougainvillians at this historic time, it is also involved in helping local communities prepare for the referendum on Bougainville's future political status, now re-scheduled for November 2019.

Major funding for housing for relocating families has been stalled since 2013. The need for an organisational review and restructuring has been agreed, but discussions with CF and potential supporters Climate Wise Women and Caritas Aotearoa/New Zealand have so far failed to come up with a satisfactory process. Outside organisations have continued to call on TP's experience and expertise in support of their agendas.

After a six-year process of locating and accessing donated funds and organising a purchasing and shipping process, CF agreed in mid-2019 to TP's proposal to use a local solar company, directed by a Bougainvillian airline worker based in Melbourne, to install a solar system on TP's main administration building. The whole process has been overseen by John Batalibasi, a Brisbane-based solar technician, who did the on-the-ground assessment in 2017. The solar equipment and a back-up generator will be shipped within the next few weeks, and John is keen to return to Bougainville after installation to train TP staff in maintenance and security issues.

HEALTHY FUTURES

This year our member group, Healthy Futures, launched Repower Health, a new initiative to promote and accelerate the uptake of solar on Australian health services. Our launch in Melbourne featured speakers from the Victorian Allied Health Professionals Association and the Department of Health and Human Services (photo included). We've also won a grant to roll out a focused version of the project in Banyule City Council in the second half of 2019.

Meanwhile we've continued our advocacy for health superannuation funds HESTA and First State Super to divest from fossil fuels, and for EPA Victoria to set air pollution limits for Victoria's coal-fired power stations in line with international standards to protect health.



Health professionals and supporters turned out to launch our Repower Health initiative



LAND & WATER



Friends of the Earth thank the hundreds of volunteers who have assisted our member group's citizen science projects in forests throughout the year.

FORESTS

Work towards seeing the proposed Great Forest National Park and Emerald Link Reserve alongside a transition plan for forestry workers continued in Victoria. This work was carried out by member groups Wildlife of the Central Highlands (WOTCH), Goongerah Environment Centre (GECO), and our Melbourne local group.

Citizen science surveys played a major role in the year's work to stop native forest logging. The surveying predominantly focussed on

surveying habitat of threatened species, such as Leadbeater's Possum, Greater Glider, Yellow Bellied Glider, Orbost Spiny Crayfish, and Sooty Owl. The year started with an expose on the Vicforest experimental logging of Greater Glider habitat and ended the year with a Four Corners investigation, *Extinction Nation*.

Collectively, Friends of the Earth ran a strong state election campaign in Victoria, engaging over 250,000 voters in a range of seats. On the eve of the State election Friends of the Earth exposed mass illegal logging carried

out by VicForests in areas not allocated for logging. Towards the end of the financial year we worked on a report on Greater Gliders that showed 600 hectares of habitat had been logged since the species was listed as vulnerable to extinction under state laws.

During the Victorian state election campaign we mobilised hundreds of volunteers to letterbox key electorates, and. Over 3,500 people petitioned the government over the course of the year.

A critical part of the state election campaign focused on our efforts to hold Vicforests and the government to account, by exposing illegal logging. Friends of the Earth collaborated with the Wilderness Society to produce a joint report on the lack of regulatory oversight by the state's environment department. We also supported Environmental Justice Australia in their legal challenges to the Regional Forest Agreements.

PFAS CONTAMINATION

Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are extremely stable chemical compounds. Their stability gives them very useful properties for many industrial uses, including in firefighting foams. But this same property also means that they don't break down easily and therefore accumulate in the environment.

Friends of the Earth have launched a National PFAS Map which has made an important contribution to the national and international conversation on PFAS. Through our Defence of Earth project, we also met with communities who are currently on the frontline of PFAS contamination from military bases.



Cassowary conservation work also took us to schools, and saw our educational work featured on podcasts and radio.

CASSOWARY PROTECTION

Our Cassowary Keystone Conservation work in Far North Queensland continued to work to protect this unique species of bird. Friends of the Earth were delighted to learn after three years of lobbying that Far North Qld Regional Councils listened to their concerns regarding the impacts by irresponsible dog owners, roaming or unrestrained nuisance dogs to public safety, native animals being

attacked or menaced, and endangered species like the Southern cassowary being mauled to death.

Friends of the Earth were invited up to Cape York Research Station to work with Scientist and Traditional Owners to find and track evidence of cassowaries post Cyclone Trevor and write a report on who they would fair after natural disasters like fire and cyclones.





ECONOMICS FOR EARTH



Students from Kurnai College visit Earthworker Cooperative's factory in Morwell, VIC.

FAIR AND JUST TRANSITION FOR WORKERS

In Victoria, our local group in Melbourne released a report titled, *Transforming VIC: creating jobs while cutting emissions*. This represents the beginning of work to pull together a Green New Deal style approach to change. Throughout the next year, we will be consulting widely with First Nations, unions, civil society and other community groups to pull together a grand vision for the state's future.

Member group, Earthworker Cooperative, continues to bring together people from diverse backgrounds in practical action to solve social and environmental problems faced by communities and the planet. This

work provides a common ground where trade unionists, environmentalists, small business people and others work together in common cause.

Earthworker's pilot project is the establishment of Australia's first worker-owned factory, making renewable energy appliances and components. Located in the heart of Victoria's Latrobe Valley, the Earthworker Energy Manufacturing Cooperative (formerly Eureka's Future) is part of ensuring a just transition for communities affected by the move from fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy.

REDUCING WASTE

Our Transform Waste project has established a strong presence in Melbourne, with a solid crew of volunteers coming together to highlight the failings of the Victorian State Government to adequately address the current recycling crisis. The campaign developed research papers, lobbied MPs, generated media stories and prepared educational materials. Several actions were held, including inviting members of the public to bring along their waste to the steps of parliament to highlight public concern on the issue.

Friends of the Earth have also been working with the The Hub Foundation on the Plastic Bag Free Castlemaine project. This sees us working with local council and local groups to reduce waste in this community in central Victoria, and seek appropriate ways of recycling plastic.



CORPORATE CRIMES

Our Stop Corporate Crimes campaign is working to end corporate impunity and hold Australian companies to account for human rights abuses and environmental destruction they are responsible for or involved in overseas. We are calling for changes in domestic Australian laws to put in place adequate mechanisms to ensure that Australian companies cause no harm in their global operations. The campaign is part of a global moment to hold transnational companies accountable for environmental destruction, exploitative labour practices and human rights violations. This campaign, led by FoE International, is pushing for an international legally binding treaty on business and human rights.

PROCUREMENT JUSTICE

Friends of the Earth's campaign leverages procurement practices in public and private sector organisations to achieve concrete positive human rights, labour rights and environmental outcomes. Our current focus is on establishing an Australian branch of Electronics Watch. Electronics Watch is an independent monitoring organisation, that uses worker-driven monitoring to detect labour rights issues in factories producing electronic goods. It brings together public sector buyers and civil society organisations in electronics production regions, with experts in human rights and global supply chains to monitor producers and engage with the industry to change practices.

MOVING BEYOND WAR IN DEFENCE OF EARTH

Friends of the Earth have begun updating our previously released report on the environmental impact of military bases and Australian military impacts on the environment.

The campaign produced submissions into federal reviews of PFAS contamination and the 'Talisman Saber' military operations which are held in Queensland. We have been networking with international FoE groups working on militarism.

Our relationship with IPAN, WILPF, UNAA and other organisations that are interested in contributing to or promoting work on war and environment is deepening. Collaborations are well underway to build upon historic nuclear-free zone work and to campaign for Australia to work towards the elimination of nuclear weapons.

FoE is has played a key role in increasing the visibility of War and Environment as an issue and deepening the conversation.





FOOD & TECHNOLOGY



GENE EDITING & GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GM)

A major focus for Friends of the Earth work this year has been on trying to prevent the federal government from deregulating a range of new genetic modification (GM) techniques that industry is referring to as 'genome editing'. Much of our work has been behind the scenes. This has involved lobbying State and Federal politicians; mobilising key industry stakeholders and the public on the issue; and coordinating the civil society response to three separate government reviews on this issue.

We believe that we are having a significant impact. Our national food regulator, Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ), has been forced to hold a formal review of these techniques after we revealed its plans to deregulate these techniques based on advice from scientists with serious conflicts of interest and with no public consultation.

In October, we released a report on gene edited animals. This warned that the Federal Government's proposed changes would make Australia one of the first countries in the world to deregulate gene edited animals - raising

major ethical and market access issues. The following day, the state governments refused to sign off on the proposed changes, requesting further advice from the Federal Department of Agriculture about the potential trade impacts of doing so.

Unfortunately, the day before the Federal election was called, the Australian Government announced that it would deregulate the new GM techniques. Our next step will be to lobby the Senate to disallow these changes.

Friends of the Earth played a key role in coordinating the NGO response to the South Australian and Tasmanian GMO moratorium reviews. Whilst South Australia is still under considerable pressure to lift its moratorium, Tasmania has committed to extending its moratorium by another 10 years and will include gene editing in it. Submissions and presentations from our member organisations supported the WA Parliamentary Inquiry into Farmer Compensation Legislation.



WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

Friends of the Earth Australia's 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.

Friends of the Earth Australia is acknowledged as being the leanest of the large environmental groups in terms of minimising administration costs and overheads.



HOW WE WORK

We are a national federation of groups that work through community engagement, education, mobilisation and transformative solutions. 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 in appropriate circumstances.

Friends of the Earth have strong regional and global connections through our international network.

Our local groups and affiliates act as a training ground for many emerging campaigners and in 2018-2019 we began development on a series of training workshops that help new volunteers and staff to understand our unique structure and way of doing things.

We bring a strong human rights perspective to all our campaigns.

We support a range of not for profit social enterprises, including an organic cafe, food cooperative, the Earthworker cooperative 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.



STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE

Friends of the Earth 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. This year we had eight National Liaison Officers:

- Claire Anderson (Perth)
- Zianna Fuad (Melbourne)
- Phil Evans (Melbourne)
- Anisa Rogers (ASEN/Melbourne)
- Cam Villani (ASEN/Melbourne)
- David Faber (Adelaide)
- Ed Mortimer (Sydney)
- Robin Taubenfeld (Brisbane)

A Committee of Management is appointed at the AGM and has strategic oversight for finances, governance, and legal issues. Friends of the Earth Australia's Committee of Management is made up of members of local groups and in 2018 - 2019 were:

- Chair: Jim Green (Melbourne)
- Treasurer: Franklin Bruinstroop (Brisbane)
- Secretary: Sam Castro (Melbourne)
- June Norman (Brisbane)
- Karun Cowper (Perth)
- Em Gayfer (Melbourne)
- Jim Kremer (ASEN - Melbourne)

A separate public gift fund committee appointed at the AGM manages the FoE Australia Fund. This year the members of the Gift Fund Committee were:

- Cam Walker (Melbourne)
- Ila Marks (Melbourne)
- Linda Marks (Melbourne)
- Wendy Flannery (Brisbane)
- Fosco Ruzzene (Melbourne)

The International Liaison Officers are responsible for communication between Friends of the Earth Australia and Friends of The Earth International (FoEI). This year the International Liaison Officers have been:

- Chloe Aldenhoven (Melbourne)
- Emma Harvey (Melbourne and FoE Asia Pacific)
- Franklin Bruinstroop (Brisbane)
- Pat Simons (Melbourne)
- Madeleine Egan (Melbourne)
- Sam Cossar-Gilbert (Melbourne and FoE International)

National spokespeople are nominated by local groups at the AGM and are approved to speak on behalf of Friends of the Earth on specific issues.

Decisions are made at two national meetings which are generally held in February and October. The AGM is held as part of the October National meeting.

Various communication structures keep groups informed during the year.

Friends of the Earth Australia places great value on collective consensus decision-making systems and internal information sharing.

GLOBAL CONTEXT AND CONNECTION

Friends of the Earth International (FoEI) 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.



Friends of the Earth International has a democratic structure with autonomous national groups which comply with the guidelines established by the federation. Friends of the Earth International 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 Friends of the Earth International groups around the world and copies of the Friends of the Earth International annual report can be found online at foei.org

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



ORGANISATIONAL MILESTONES

- The Friends of the Earth Far North Queensland's Cassowary Keystone Conservation work was nominated for its fourth Cassowary Award
- Earthworker opened its cooperatively owned factory in Victoria's Latrobe Valley and has started production of solar hot water systems
- Tulele Peisa has now been a member of FoE Australia for a decade
- WOTCH received a Community Environment award from Environment Victoria in recognition of its efforts to protect forests in the Central Highlands

SUPPORTERS

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

Friends of the Earth would like to thank the following for their support:

- Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
- Bank Track
- CANA
- Christian Aid
- Community Impact Foundation
- Global Witness
- Greenpeace Indonesia
- LUSH Cosmetics
- McKinnon Family Foundation
- Mercy Action Support Fund
- Minax Uriel Pty Ltd
- Perpetual Foundation
- Pureharvest
- Ross Knowles Foundation
- SM Robinson PAF
- The Angel Fund Pty Ltd
- The Nordia Foundation
- The Spranz Family Foundation
- Tucker Foundation

We would like to acknowledge all the individuals and organisations who have supported Friends of the Earth through in-kind support such as donation of time, skills or materials for our campaigns and projects over the 2018/19 financial year.

They include:

- Action Skills
- Dvize Creations
- Dirt Radio volunteers Megan Williams, Em Gayfer, Phil Evans
- Environmental Justice Australia
- Photographer Julian Meehan
- Web Designer Glenn Todd
- Tipping Point Advisory team (Larissa Baldwin, Tony Mohr, Joan Staples and Phil Evans)
- Frank Fich





OUR BEQUEST PROGRAM

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

If you would like further information on remembering Friends of the Earth in your will, see foe.org.au/bequests or call Phil Evans in the Melbourne office: +61 03 9419 8700 or toll free 1300 852 081.

Friends of the Earth Australia has the following active national campaigns and projects

- Chain Reaction magazine - published 3 times a year
- Anti Nuclear and Clean Energy
- Climate Frontlines
- Emerging Technology
- Defense of Earth - war, militarism and the environment
- Tipping Point - climate change
- Economic Justice
- Pesticide Free Waterways

Friends of the Earth has offices in Brisbane and Melbourne.

In 2018/19 it had Friends of the Earth following affiliate members:

- Australian Student Environment Network (ASEN)
- Community Foods (Cairns)
- Earthworker Co-operative
- GM-Free Australia Alliance
- Goongerah Environment Centre (GECO)
- Healthy Futures
- The Hub Foundation Castlemaine Ltd
- Market Forces
- Reverse Garbage
- Sustainable Energy Now WA.
- Tulele Peisa — “sailing the waves on our own”
- Wildlife of the Central Highlands (WOTCH)

VALE JOHN GLUE

Sadly FoE Australia lost one of its border members this year and FoE Far North Queensland lost one of their favourite environmental warriors. John Glue passed away peacefully and surrounded by friends on 25.06.19 at the Cairns Base Hospital. The FoE Federation sends our deep respects and love to John's extended family and we honour the long standing work and commitment of John to social and environmental justice. Rest in power brother.

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Financial Report 2018/19



STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Revenue		
Publishing Income	4,802.75	2,977.68
Donations	1,075,556.71	1,002,427.46
Campaign Income	71,344.00	11,208.11
Grant Income	1,316,386.34	760,499.46
Bank Interest	26,546.31	20,591.89
Miscellaneous Income	21,686.96	6,839.92
Administration Income	0.00	0.00
Legacies and Bequest	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	75,699.71	2,177.37
Chain Reaction Sales	7,493.50	8,006.82
	2,599,516.28	1,914,728.71

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 one staff member 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 office 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 2018/19.

Copies of the full audited financial report are available upon request.

Expenditure		
Publishing Cost	5,311.94	4,080.00
Wages and Assoc. Cost	1,224,285.40	723,507.58
Operational & Management Expenses	221,498.14	168,327.43
Subscriptions	24,356.88	24,283.88
Telephone and Fax	11,096.90	2,211.71
Campaigning Cost	174,069.41	62,268.79
Bank Charges & Fees	11,278.96	7,987.97
Consultants	163,610.95	174,863.97
Insurance	12,446.45	12,334.00
National Meeting Expenditure	9,117.71	6,250.61
Audit Fees - Audit or Reviewing the Financial Report	7,492.51	6,320.00
Donations Expenditure	242,377.67	266,387.34
Travel Cost	121,310.62	53,669.44
Miscellaneous Expenses	195,380.82	147,505.54
Depreciation	2,869.87	2,643.29
Cost of Good Sold	0.00	0.00
Bad Debts	0.00	0.00
	2,426,504.23	1,662,728.25
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	173,012.05	252,000.46
Other comprehensive income		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to Profit or Loss	0.00	0.00
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to Profit or Loss	0.00	0.00
Total comprehensive income/(deficit) for the year	0.00	0.00
Total comprehensive income/(deficit) attributable to the members	173,012.05	252,000.46



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 2019 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.
- 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:

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash on hand and at bank	2,144,992.86	1,376,716.35
Short-term bank deposits	429,880.08	400,000.00
Accounts receivables and other debtors	514,040.15	137,987.99
Inventories on hand	1,232.58	200.00
Total current assets	3,090,145.67	1,914,904.34
Non-current assets		
Plant and equipment	7,206.68	8,721.99
Total non-current assets	7,206.68	8,721.99
Total assets	3,097,352.35	1,923,626.33
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payables & other payables	833,168.24	402,030.07
Grants/income received in advance	1,142,999.14	654,227.79
Employee provisions	30,655.14	30,655.14
Total current liabilities	2,006,822.41	1,086,913.00
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowing's	0.00	0.00
Employee provisions	152,560.35	71,755.80
Other payables	0.00	0.00
Total non-current liabilities	152,560.35	71,755.80
Total liabilities	2,159,382.76	1,158,668.80
Net assets	937,969.59	764,957.53
Retained surplus		
Opening retained surplus	764,957.53	512,957.07
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	173,012.05	252,000.46
Total retained surplus	937,969.58	764,957.53

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Friends of the Earth (Australia) Inc (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Friends of the Earth (Australia) Inc is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) that the financial records kept by the association are such as to enable financial statements to be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The committee of the association is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the association's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2019, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Victoria under the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.

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- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.


Signed: 3RD DECEMBER, 2019.

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Chartered Accountants



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Chartered Accountant