

HOPE News --- February 2019

Good morning folks,

HOPE is supporting the following campaigns in the lead up to the Federal Election scheduled for May 2019:

- The Places You Love (PYL) Alliance and Australian Panel of Experts in Environmental Law's (APEEL) call for a new Generation of National Environmental Laws;
- The International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) – including HOPE's national petition urging the immediate signing of the United Nations (UN) Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW); and.
- The call for a bipartisan approach to developing a national "Climate Policy".

Office matters for consideration include:

- Support for, and promotion of, the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Promoting the work of International POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutant) Elimination Network (IPEN) - <https://ipen.org/> and National Toxics Network (NTN) - <https://ntn.org.au/>
- Promoting HOPE's "Waste Hierarchy" chart in combination with efforts to encourage greater reprocessing of secondary waste materials
- Review & comment on state & national government discussion papers
- Promoting key "Environmental Observance" events (see calendar)
- Funding opportunities for landcare and other projects
- Information displays for community events – both locally and regionally

On the administration front, we are looking to develop a 5year Strategic Plan ... The Future of HOPE!

So, if you would like to contribute to the discussion and/or participation in any of the above matters, please come to the Ordinary Meeting being held on Saturday 9th February at the HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba Qld.

If unable to attend on 9th February, please send your comments to office@hopeaustralia.org.au for inclusion at the meeting.

Regards,

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Volunteers needed

More active volunteers – both local and remote (i.e. online) – are required to help us maintain our level of activity. Volunteers are needed to help with projects, events and display activities, as well as general admin duties and media/publications work. We invite members and supporters to step up and volunteer some time and talents to help share the workload. Current vacancies include: Researchers; Media Officers; Publications Team members; and Newsletter Editor

Please contact the office on 07 4639 2135 or email office@hopeaustralia.org.au to offer your assistance.

A fair portion of the above work would ideally be done by locals (i.e. in the Toowoomba area) because the HOPE office is in Toowoomba. However, quite a bit of the literature review, research, media and publications activity can be done via email. If you have a little bit of time to help us in any way, then contact the HOPE office on email office@hopeaustralia.org.au or phone (07) 4639 2135.

Current volunteer positions available are:

- Researchers – required to review and comment on a range of discussion papers, policy documents and reports provided by government departments, business and industry organisations and NGOs.
 - **Media Officers** – required to write media releases, event notices, date claimers and design promotional flyers/posters for projects, campaigns, events and activities
 - Publications Team members – required to write information articles for our newsletter; website summaries; and assist with the development of PowerPoint presentations and information sheets
 - Newsletter Editor – required to write and/or source articles and other items for compilation into monthly E: News Bulletin
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