

## HOPE News --- March 2019

Good afternoon folks,

### **The Future of HOPE**

HOPE's future can only be secured if we all work together.

Currently, the Management Committee is awaiting a decision on our application for listing on the national Register of Environmental Organisations.

If successful, we will be granted Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status which will allow us to:

- mount national fund-raising campaigns;
- access a greater range of grants; and
- initiate a fresh Sponsorship program.

Without funding, we are "hamstrung"! We may not be able to continue our current level of activities.

In the meantime, we seek stronger support from our members and friends.

Please support the following campaigns to which we are already committed,

- 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".

HOPE does not charge a membership fee; however, we do welcome monetary donations which can be made via our website at <http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au/annual-pledgedonation/>.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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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