

ANNUAL REPORT

2008-2009

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH THE LAW



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OVERVIEW OF THE EDO (ACT)'S OBJECTIVES

- Vision:** To empower the community to protect the environment through the law.
- Mission:** To provide a community legal aid service to provide legal services on environmental and related matters to persons whose interests should be pursued as a matter of public interest taking into account their financial means.
- Values:** To address the disempowerment that results from an inability to access legal services in relation to the legal services in relation to matters affecting the natural and built environment and to promote access to the legal system for persons seeking to protect the environment.
- Objectives:** To provide a community legal service specialising in environmental law for the benefit of persons whose interests should be pursued as a matter of public interest taking into account their financial means for the Canberra region.
- To ensure that the EDO (ACT) is able to operate effectively and is accountable to its funding bodies.

THE ROLE OF THE EDO (ACT)

The EDO (ACT) has three main functions:

- providing legal advice about environmental law to members of the community and community groups interested in preserving the environment;
- undertaking community education about legal issues related to the environment and planning;
- researching and making submissions to government about reforms of laws and policies affecting the environment.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The year just past has been a busy but hard one for the EDO ACT. Busy because the office and its work is extremely and increasingly important. This is recognised by the federal and ACT governments as they request policy input and case management from the organisation. It is recognised by the community as they seek to find an advocate for issues of personal and public importance. It is recognised by the environmentalists and peer organisations as we endeavour to build a “credible threat” to counter the actions of developers and those with shorter time outlooks than assist the environment.

The year has been hard due to the severe lack of underfunding. Whilst it is always easy to spend more money and therefore to plead for extra funding the EDO ACT's funding barely covers the reporting actions required by the funding. Accountability for public funding is important and we would never shy away from that – this report in itself seeks to inform and we would like people to know more about our actions and activities.

However the funding that is received by the EDO is used for the community good – increasing the amenity of our built and natural environment for present residents and future generations (of all species!). As such it is worth a far greater price than it currently receives.

We are extremely grateful to our supporters – to those volunteers that help us keep on “punching above our weight”; to the staff Kirsten Miller and June Weise for all the work that they do paid and unpaid, to the Law Society for their ongoing partnership, and to the Commonwealth and ACT governments.

As the human population of Canberra and its surrounds increase so will the pressure as we seek to balance the needs of human and other parts of the eco-system; the balance between our built heritage and the natural environment. The list of current issues is long - new suburbs, new roads, new transport options, noise abatement and quality of life for all.

We hope to be here to ensure that we keep doing what we're doing, what other EDO's around the country do in their jurisdiction – giving legal protection to a very silent client, the environment of the ACT.

Kasy Chambers
Chair

PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Overview

The EDO (ACT) continued to provide an important voice for the growing number of ACT residents concerned to ensure good environmental outcomes for the ACT community and to ensure transparent and accountable government decision making.

2008/09 saw continued interest in and debate about the significant environmental challenges facing us at a local, national and global level.

At a local level the 2008 legislative assembly election, which saw the ACT Labor Government returned with the support of four newly elected ACT Greens members, highlighted the importance with which ACT residents hold environmental issues and community engagement.

Key environmental challenges facing the ACT are those associated with population increase and ecologically sustainable development. The ACT is in a unique position with more than half of the Territory designated as public land including land set aside for the purposes of environmental conservation. While the ACT does not generally encounter environmental problems typically associated with major industries such as coal mines and large scale agriculture, the ACT now faces a major challenge in ensuring that its continuing growth does not occur at the expense of the natural environment.

The fast growth of outlying areas of the ACT such as in the Gungahlin area and to the west around Macgregor has again highlighted the tension between biodiversity conservation and development. The EDO has provided advice and assistance to the community in relation to proposed redevelopments in these areas and helped the community to become engaged in the environmental decision making processes in an effort to achieve the best possible environmental outcomes.

In addition major infrastructure proposals such as the proposed expansion of the Canberra airport and the proposed Majura Parkway have potentially significant environmental impacts, including impacting on a number of endangered species and habitats. The EDO continues to assist community groups engage with government and developers in an attempt to reach satisfactory environmental outcomes.

In determining the strategic direction for 2008/09, the EDO Management Committee decided to focus the EDO's efforts on community legal education and building relationships with key stakeholders.

This focus recognised that assisting people in understanding the legal and policy framework underpinning environmental decision making in the ACT is an important first step in ensuring access to justice to people wishing to pursue environmental outcomes.

The focus of the EDO's community legal education program was publishing the second edition of the EDO's ACT Environmental Law Handbook and running a series of seminars and workshops on environmental law.

These have raised the profile of the EDO within the ACT community and led to an increased demand for the services offered by the EDO. Unfortunately adequate funding continues to be a major issue for the office. The range of services and the complex legal problems which clients currently bring to the EDO make it difficult for the office to adequately assist all clients deserving of assistance. The EDO will continue to hold discussions with government to seek additional funding and explore other funding opportunities.



EDO's Principal Solicitor, Kirsten Miller, with the Commissioner for Environment and Sustainability, Maxine Cooper, at a stakeholder gathering to discuss actions to advance actions to living sustainably

Staff

The EDO continues to employ two part time staff. Kirsten Miller, who started at the EDO at the end of 2007 continues as the EDO's principal solicitor. Kirsten works part-time, three days a week. June Weise continues as the EDO's administrator and is also employed part time for ten hours per week. The office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30am until 2:30pm and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am until 5pm.

To ensure that the EDO staff continue to keep abreast of the changes in environmental law and policy and other related areas, EDO staff participated in a number of professional development activities. These included attendance at a number of seminars on topics including the new ACT civil and administrative tribunal system and refresher training on statutory interpretation. Continuing professional development of the staff is important in ensuring that the EDO can continue to provide accurate and up to date advice to its clients.

Volunteer Assistance

In addition to the volunteer work undertaken by the management committee, the EDO staff continues to be greatly assisted by a host of volunteers. The EDO is fortunate to have many people, including professionals, law students and retirees, who have a passion and interest in environmental issues who generously donate their time and skills to assist the office in researching, writing and general administrative tasks.

In particular I would like to thank Joanna Edwards, John Carroll, Jenna Cotterill, Oliver Davis, Catherine Hayes, David Tong, Alex To and Sean Wykes for their work throughout the year. The contribution of volunteers amounts to approximately sixteen hours per week on average and enables the EDO to continue to provide an important service to the ACT community even with our extremely limited staffing resources.



EDO volunteer, Catherine Hayes

EDO Services

The EDO (ACT), like EDOs nationwide, aims to provide quality legal services to members of the community seeking to defend the environment through the law. The EDO does this through providing three main services, legal advice, community legal education and law reform.

The EDO receives the funding to provide these services from a number of sources. Recurrent funding is provided through the Commonwealth Community Legal Services Program and the EDO is grateful to the Commonwealth Government for its continued assistance.

The EDO is pleased that in March 2009 the Commonwealth government removed the previous restriction which prevented EDOs from using Commonwealth funds for litigation related work. This brings the EDO offices into line with other community legal centres which did not operate under the same restriction. While this change enables the EDO to use Commonwealth funds to assist clients in litigation, the EDO remains committed to providing the most appropriate and cost effective response for our clients and will continue to focus our resources on early intervention measures of education and negotiation, with litigation a last resort measure. Without additional resources it is difficult for the EDO to fully assist clients in litigation.

The EDO has also been very grateful to the ACT Law Society who has provided increased funding to the EDO in 08/09. This has been very important in ensuring the ACT EDO can continue to provide these services to the community. In the past the EDO has received one off funding from the ACT government. The office looks forward to future support from the ACT government.

Legal Advice and Casework

The EDO continued to provide legal advice to individuals and community groups in the ACT. In 2008/09 the EDO provided 67 pieces of advice and information to the ACT community. This advice and information varied from over the telephone advice to detailed written advices. The advice related to a range of subject matters including habitat protection and protection of threatened species, development approval and environmental impact assessment processes, tree protection, heritage protection, freedom of information requests and noise, air and water pollution. In addition the EDO had eight ongoing case files. No case files were closed during this period.

In particular, the EDO has provided continuing assistance in relation to a number of ongoing matters including the proposed expansion of the Canberra International Airport, the proposed redevelopment of the Australian Heritage Village site at Watson for residential development, and the proposed construction of the Majura Parkway. The EDO has assisted the community in understanding the legal processes and requirements for such projects.

Community Legal Education and Community Development Work

As discussed above the EDO determined to focus efforts on community legal education and community development work in 08/09 with the publication of the second edition of EDO's ACT Environmental Law Handbook and running a series of seminars and workshops on environmental law.

The ACT Environmental Law Handbook is designed to give the ACT community a useful resource when working to protect our environment. Significant changes to the ACT's planning laws, heritage laws and tree protection laws since the Handbook's first publication in 2003 saw a significant rewrite of many areas of the book. The Handbook also includes a new chapter on sustainability and the law. Its successful completion relied heavily on the many dedicated volunteer authors, editors and illustrator who generously donated significant time and expertise. In particular I would like to thank Anne Rawson who worked tirelessly on editing the handbook and to Amy Land for her illustrations.

The publication of the Handbook was funded by the ACT government through the Environment ACT grants scheme and through the Commonwealth Government's community legal services program. The large attendance of members of community groups, industry, the legal profession, academics, politicians and public servants at the launch of the handbook by the ACT's Attorney-General, Simon Corbell, and the subsequent sales of the handbook, show the great interest in environmental issues in the ACT community.



EDO's Principal Solicitor, Kirsten Miller, with the ACT Attorney-General, Simon Corbell, at the launch of the ACT Environmental Law Handbook

The EDO looks forward to contributing to a broader ACT Law Handbook online project which will enable the ACT Environmental Law Handbook to be provided in an online format. This will enable the Handbook to be updated regularly and remain a relevant and up to date source.

The EDO also ran a series of five seminars and a full day workshop in 2008/09 on environmental planning, development assessment, biodiversity conservation, environmental advocacy and understanding federal environmental law.

The seminars attracted over 100 participants from community groups, academics, the legal profession, industry and interested individuals. All sessions were fully booked with a large waiting list which demonstrated the clear interest in and need for a regular program of such seminars.

The EDO received very positive feedback from participants. In particular one member of industry who participated in the EDO workshop subsequently contacted EDO to say that the workshop had assisted their dealings with the Government as a result of the better understanding of the environmental impact assessment process they had gained from the workshop.



Participants at an EDO seminar on planning and development laws

In addition to the grant from the ACT government the EDO was grateful to the ACT law society for a grant to assist with the running of this series of seminars and workshops. This funding enabled the EDO to employ Pepe Clarke and Tom Warne Smith to assist with the preparation

and delivery of these workshops. I would like to thank them both for the great effort they put into the workshops to make them such a success. I would also like to thank Phillips Fox for their generous provision of conference facilities for the workshop.

Subject to additional funding the EDO looks forward to continuing to provide relevant seminars and workshops to the ACT community.

As part of its community development work the EDO provided copies of its Environmental Law Handbook to all ACT secondary schools and invited these schools to participate in a seminar series that the EDO proposes to tailor for interested schools. Educating our future leaders on the legal processes and environmental decision making will help ensure the best possible future environmental outcomes. The EDO looks forward to undertaking this project with interested schools in the future.

In addition to these major tasks the EDO continued to work on updating a series of environmental law fact sheets and redesigning its website. The EDO has been greatly assisted by Clare Henderson who has updated the numerous fact sheets which the EDO produces. These will be available on the EDO's new website shortly.

The EDO has received feedback from many clients that the fact sheets have helped them to clearly understand the ACT's environmental laws and have been used in some cases to assist self represented clients in preparing for tribunal hearings.

The EDO has also been very grateful to Andrew Lamont for his continued assistance in redesigning the EDO website to ensure that we maintain a relevant and useful tool for users. The update and redesign of the website has been made possible through a grant from the ACT Law Society. The EDO looks forward to launching its new website in the near future.

The EDO has continued its regular quarterly newsletter to inform members and interested parties of relevant environmental issues in the ACT and around Australia. The feedback from our members indicates that this newsletter has been informative.

The EDO is also grateful to Martin Blaszczyk and Glenn Quevedo who generously donated their time and resources to assist in designing and publishing a short pamphlet outlining the services that the EDO provides.



EDO's youngest member helping plant EDO's tree at the International Arboretum, at the Southern Tablelands Ecosystem Park launch by the ACT Chief Minister

Law Reform and Research

Major environmental legislative reforms continued at a national level in 2008/09. In particular legislation to implement an emissions trading scheme and associated reforms relating to renewable energy targets were introduced into Federal Parliament and two major reviews of the primary piece of federal environmental legislation, the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, are underway. ANEDO has provided detailed comment on these proposed legislative reforms, along with other environmental law reforms ranging from tax review, including environmental rights in a human rights framework and access to justice reforms.

At a local level the EDO (ACT) continued to participate in ACT legislative reforms. Two of the most significant environmental law reforms in the ACT for 08/09 were the ACT Legislative Assembly's inquiry into appropriate Greenhouse Gas Reduction targets for the ACT, to which the EDO provided a submission, and the upcoming review of the Nature Conservation Act.

The EDO participated in a roundtable convened by the ACT Conservation Council which looked at developing a set of proposals for native vegetation protection mechanisms for the ACT to feed into the upcoming review of the ACT's Nature Conservation Act. This review will be an important opportunity for the ACT community and government to assess how best to protect the ACT's natural habitats and species. The challenges of the impacts of climate change and the interrelationship between the development process and biodiversity conservation will be important aspects of this review. The EDO looks forward to continuing to work with local conservation groups and community members together with the Government as part of this upcoming review process.

The EDO was also invited to participate in a workshop on sustainable development convened by the ACT Planning and Land Authority. This workshop outlined some of the challenges and possible solutions in working towards sustainable development. The EDO looks forward to the outcomes of this sustainability project being implemented into the planning process.



EDO's Principal Solicitor, Kirsten Miller, meeting with a delegation of Nepalese local government officials to discuss environmental administration, enforcement and compliance monitoring regulations in the ACT with a view to strengthening these capacities at a local level in Nepal

Conclusion

The EDO ACT looks forward to continuing to build relationships with members of the ACT community, industry and government and focus on the significant environmental issues facing the ACT and Australia as a nation.

The EDO will continue to seek ways to expand our funding base to enable the EDO to meet the unmet demand for EDO services and to enable the EDO to better serve a larger number of people more effectively. The EDO (ACT) was extremely pleased that 08/09 saw a significant number of new members as well as support from many of our existing members.

Kirsten Miller
Principal Solicitor

TREASURER'S REPORT

One of the fundamental responsibilities of any Management Committee is to monitor the financial performance of the organisation. The EDO(ACT) is continually reviewing and improving its financial reporting strategies and systems to enable the Management Committee to make pro-active decisions about expenditure of grant and self generated income in line with its strategic directions. Key goals are:

- creating transparency around the true costs of providing services,
- improving the accuracy and timeliness of reporting, and
- providing meaningful information in response to Committee needs.

The 2008/09 financial year generated a surplus of \$25.87- an increase from last year's deficit of \$7,768. However, the 2007/08 deficit was due to a conscious decision by the board to commit some of reserves to improving the organisation's resources.

The Australian Government provides the EDO(ACT) with its core funding for activities. More recently, ACT Law Society funding has allowed the Management Committee and staff to develop further opportunities for the EDO(ACT) to provide environmental services to the ACT community. We look forward to continuing our productive relationship with both the Australian Government and the ACT Law Society.

We move into 2009/10 with a balanced budget reflecting conservative decisions by the Management Committee. Judicious consideration in the employment of the organisation's equity, built up over many careful years, will continue to be a key concern for the Management Committee during this period of constrained funding.

The Committee and staff are committed to finding new avenues of funding for the EDO(ACT). Submissions will continue to be made to governments and relevant organisations for increases in recurrent funding for core and dedicated services.

As Treasurer, I would like to express my gratitude for the commitment of our members, volunteers and staff, without whose support for the organisation and dedication to defending the environment, we could not continue to operate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank June Weise, the EDO(ACT) Office Administrator, for her dedication and support in all things financial over the past year.

Lee Nelson
Treasurer

November 15 2009

**Environmental Defender's Office (ACT)
Inc**

ABN: 32 636 009 247

Financial report for the year ended

30 June 2009

Auditor's Certification

Name of Organisation: Environmental Defenders Office (Act) Inc

Financial Year Period: 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009

I hereby certify that:

- (a) I am not a principal, member, shareholder, officer, employee or accountant of the Organisation or of a related body corporation as defined in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001;
- (b) In my opinion, the attached financial statements which comprise a Statement of Financial Position, a Statement of Financial Performance, a Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements of the above-mentioned Organisation ('the Organisation') for the stated Financial Year Period are:
- based on proper accounts and present fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, and
 - in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the organisation and Commonwealth of Australia dated 1st October 2005, a copy of which has been made available to me, in relation to the provision of community legal services.
- (c) **The Statement of Financial Performance is provided in respect of Funds for all Funding Categories.**

This is an unqualified audit report.

Unless written under separate cover, I hereby further certify that, in my opinion, there is no conflict of interest between myself and the Organisation or its Management Committee.

AUDITOR DETAILS

Full Name: Gary Williams

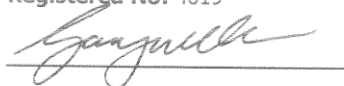
Name of Company: Rosenfeld Kant & Co

ABN Number: 74 057 092 046

Registered Auditor: *If yes:*

☒ Yes ☐ No

Registered No: 4019

Signature: 

Date: 27 October 2009



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Environmental Defender's Office ACT

Profit & Loss [Last Year Analysis]

July 2008 through June 2009

	2008-2009	2007-2008
Income		
Grant Income	\$73,988.00	\$46,595.00
Interest	\$4,155.65	\$3,135.02
Membership	\$929.00	\$680.00
Fundraising and Donations	\$553.00	\$1,119.88
Publications	\$400.01	\$277.28
Total Income	\$80,025.66	\$51,807.18
Expenses		
Salaries Policy Officer	\$9,600.00	\$0.00
Salaries Solicitor	\$39,154.66	\$31,151.91
Salaries Administrator	\$12,969.13	\$9,639.56
Superannuation	\$4,673.27	\$3,524.46
Oncosts	\$650.00	\$556.45
Other Employee Expenses	\$25.00	\$30.00
Rent	\$2,499.96	\$2,499.96
Repairs and maintenance	\$417.27	\$379.55
Staff Training	\$18.18	\$396.36
Staff Recruitment	\$180.00	\$0.00
Communications	\$1,351.93	\$1,147.44
Office Overheads	\$3,226.70	\$2,316.60
Insurance	\$867.16	\$843.71
Finance and Accounting Fees	\$366.50	\$175.27
Library,Resources & Subscript	\$2,235.05	\$2,616.27
Travel	\$0.00	\$976.90
Programming & Planning	\$897.50	\$2,745.95
Depreciation	\$867.48	\$575.08
Total Expenses	\$79,999.79	\$59,575.47
Net Profit / (Loss)	\$25.87	(\$7,768.29)

Environmental Defender's Office ACT

Balance Sheet

As of June 2009

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cheque Account	\$13,697.73
Petty Cash	\$100.00
Were Cash Trust	\$90,454.48
Trade Debtors-owed to me	\$390.00
Total Current Assets	\$104,642.21
Fixed Assets	
Computer Equipment	\$2,027.44
Total Fixed Assets	\$2,027.44
New Account	
Total Assets	\$106,669.65
 Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	\$1,500.00
VISA	\$345.29
Provision for LSL	\$1,212.00
Provision For Annual Leave	\$7,038.56
Unearnt Grants	\$39,500.00
PAYG Liability	\$0.88
GST Liability	(\$2.93)
Total Current Liabilities	\$49,593.80
Total Liabilities	\$49,593.80
 Net Assets	
	\$57,075.85
 Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$56,758.04
Current Year Earnings	\$25.87
Historical Balancing	\$291.94
Total Equity	\$57,075.85

Environmental Defender's Office ACT

Cash Flow from Operating Activities

As of June 2009

	2008-2009	2007-2008
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Grants received	73,988	71,917
Other income received	6,038	6,405
Staff expenses paid	-67,072	-27,460
Rent paid	-2,500	-2,500
Other expenses paid	69,572	-7,555
Net cash provided by operating activities	26	-7,768
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Net cash used in investing activities	5,862	38,592
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	5,888	30,824
Cash at 1 July 2008	98,754	
Cash at 1 July 2007		67,930
Cash at 30 June 09	104,642	98,754

Income and Expenditure Statement (CLSIIS) Format		
	2008-2009	2007-2008
1. Income and Expenditure		
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR		
Surplus/Deficit from previous year	19,965.85	11,204.14
Approved Expenditure fro Surplus	0.00	0.00
Net Surplus/deficit from previous year	19,965.85	11,204.14
CLSP INCOME		
C'wth	43,988.00	66,595.00
State	0.00	
Service Generated Income	6,037.66	5,212.18
Total Income	69,991.51	83,011.32
CLSP EXPENSES		
Salaries	51,723.79	40,791.47
Superannuation	4,673.27	3,524.46
On costs	1,615.00	1,520.45
rent	2,499.96	2,499.96
Repairs and maintenance	417.27	379.55
Training	18.18	396.36
Staff Recruitment	180.00	0.00
Communications	1,351.93	1,147.44
Office Overheads	1,438.52	2,316.60
Insurance (Not Workers' Com)	867.16	843.71
Finance and Accounting Fees	366.50	175.27
Library, Resources & Subscriptions	1,295.05	1,682.27
Travel	0.00	976.90
Programming and Planning	875.77	2,745.95
Minor Equipment	1,788.18	
Depreciation	867.48	575.08
Other	21.73	
Salary and related Expenses	58,012.06	45,836.38
Total Operating expenses	11,987.73	13,739.09
Total CLSP Expenses	69,999.79	59,575.47
OTHER INCOME		
Total Funds Received from Other Bodies	10,000.00	27,807.00

Total Funds Received from Other Bodies for non-CLSP CLSIS Activities		
Less Actual capital Expenditure in Current Year	0.00	3,470.00
Surplus/deficit for Next Year	-8.28	19,965.85
2. Assets acquired with Grant Funds During Financial Year 2008-2009		
Land	0.00	0.00
Real Property	0.00	0.00
(Other)	0.00	0.00
Total Capital	0.00	0.00
3. Future Contingency Amount	0.00	

Income and Expenditure Statement (CLSIS) Format

	2008- 2009	Budget	variance	% over year
1. Income and Expenditure				
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR				
Surplus/Deficit from previous year	19,965.85			
Approved Expenditure fro Surplus	0.00			
Net Surplus/deficit from previous year	19,965.85			
CLSP INCOME				
C'wth	43,988.00	43,988.00	0.00	87,976.00
State	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Service Generated Income	6,037.66	10,430.00	-4,392.34	57.89
Total Income	69,991.51	54,418.00		
CLSP EXPENSES				
Salaries	51,723.79	31,537.00	-20,186.79	164.01
Superannuation	4,673.27	5,191.00	517.73	90.03
On costs	1,615.00	1,650.00	35.00	97.88
rent	2,499.96	2,520.00	20.04	99.20
Repairs and maintenance	417.27	500.00	82.73	83.45
Training	18.18	2,465.00	2,446.82	0.74
Staff Recruitment	180.00	800.00	620.00	22.50
Communications	1,351.93	2,000.00	648.07	67.60
Office Overheads	1,438.52	720.00	-718.52	199.79
Insurance (Not Workers' Com)	867.16	900.00	32.84	96.35
Finance and Accounting Fees	366.50	215.00	-151.50	170.47
Library, Resourcs & Subcriptions	1,295.05	1,700.00	404.95	76.18
Travel	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Programming and Planning	875.77	0.00	-875.77	
Minor Equipment	1,788.18	2,500.00	711.82	71.53
Depreciation	867.48	900.00	32.52	96.39
Other	21.73	320.00	298.27	6.79
Salary and related Expenses	58,012.06	38,378.00	-19,634.06	151.16
Total Operating expenses	11,987.73	16,040.00	4,052.27	74.74
Total CLSP Expenses	69,999.79	54,418.00	-15,581.79	128.63
OTHER INCOME				
Total Funds Received from Other Bodies	10,000.00	13,000.00	-3,000.00	76.92
Total Funds Received from Other Bodies for				

non-CLSP CLSIS Activities		
Less Actual capital Expenditure in Current Year	0.00	
Surplus/deficit for Next Year	-8.28	
2. Assets acquired with Grant Funds During Financial Year 2008-2009		
Land	0.00	0.00
Real Property	0.00	0.00
(Other)	0.00	0.00
Total Capital	0.00	0.00
3. Future Contingency Amount	0.00	

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS OFFICE (ACT) INC.
COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial statements of the Environmental Defenders Office (ACT) Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2009.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the financial period and at the date of this report are:

K Chambers
M Swainson
L Nelson
N-L Scherger
R Smith
R de Hosson
R Sloan
R Harris
G Hurley

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the Environmental Defender's Office (ACT) Inc. during the financial period has been the provision of a public legal aid service on environmental matters.

Significant Changes

No significant change has occurred in the nature of the Environmental Defender's Office (ACT) Inc.'s activities during the financial period.

Operating Result

The operating profit was \$25.87

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



Kasy Chambers
Committee member (Chair)



Lee Nelson
Committee member (Treasurer)

Dated this 17 day of November 2009

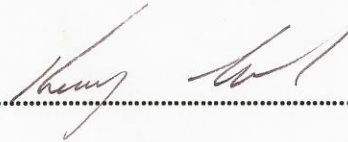
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the accompanying accounts:

1. Present fairly the financial position of the Environmental defender's Office (ACT) Inc. as at 30 June 2009 and the results and cash flows of the association for the year ended on that date; and
2. Have been prepared and presented in accordance with applicable Australian accounting Standards.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Executive and signed for and on behalf of the Executive by:

CHAIR


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TREASURER


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Dated this 18th day of November 2009