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MEDIA RELEASE

Re: Funding vital to work of Environmental Defenders Office

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. supports the ongoing funding for the vital service the [Environmental Defenders Office \(EDO\)](https://www.edo.org.au/) provides. The EDO is the largest environmental legal centre in the Australia-Pacific with three decades of legal advocacy. Queenslanders need the EDO to help community groups and individuals with frontline legal advice and assistance that would be otherwise out of reach.

The EDO is proud to provide access to justice for rural and urban Queenslanders protecting water, their communities, and our nature. However, the EDO are struggling to meet the high demands for their work and any funding cuts would be felt deeply not only by them, but by everyone seeking to access their services across Queensland.

State government funding allows the EDO to provide all Queenslanders access to justice and expert legal services. The EDO also provides free workshops, factsheets, handbooks, and other legal tools to help Queenslanders understand the law and participate in the legal processes. All funding provided by the state government is used to provide these legal services and community education as an accredited community legal centre.

EDO Brisbane managing lawyer Revel Pointon says: "we receive modest but vital funding from the state government to provide free or low-cost legal advice and services to the Queensland community around environmental and planning issues. It is not clear who would provide legal services to these Queenslanders if this modest but crucial funding is cut".

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