



HOPE Strategic Plan 2024–2029

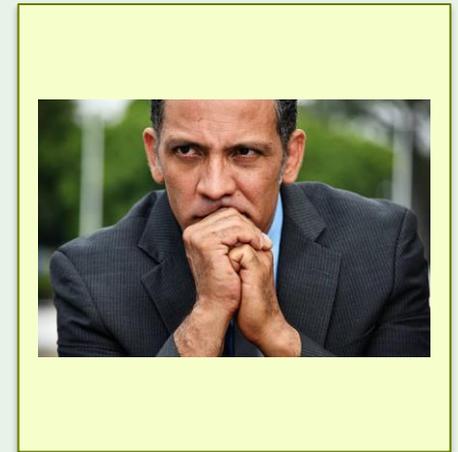
Focus Area Presentation

– 1. Government Decisions & Environmental Legislation

*Advocating for responsible and sustainable
stewardship of the environment*

Government Decisions & Environmental Legislation

- HOPE promotes sustainable living and supports community-led environmental action. The Strategic Plan 2024–2029 emphasises public advocacy, awareness, and proactive environmental decision-making.
- This focus area highlights the importance of meaningful environmental legislation and encourages community participation in shaping policy. HOPE supports approaches such as deliberative democracy, where citizens take part in informed dialogue and decision-making processes at local, state, and national levels.
- In promoting advocacy, petitions, and public engagement pathways, HOPE works with partner organisations to strengthen transparent, evidence-based policy and empower communities to influence long-term environmental outcomes.



SWOT Analysis

Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Strong advocacy experience and credibility- Engaged supporter network and supportive member base- Well-established and credible partnerships
Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Limited political influence, further constrained by HOPE's commitment to remaining apolitical- Ongoing resource constraints, including funding and volunteer shortages for larger campaigns- Difficulty mobilising large-scale public advocacy beyond information-sharing
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Build stronger alliances with national organisations, researchers, NGOs, and government bodies- Strengthen public participation in policy processes through consultations and active engagement pathways- Leverage rising public demand for transparency, accountability, and evidence-based environmental policy- Use deliberative democracy tools (citizens' assemblies, deliberative forums) to strengthen community participation in policy-making.
Threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fragmented policy landscapes across states, and inconsistent government action- Public apathy, disengagement, and limited willingness to participate in advocacy- Political shifts that undermine long-term environmental protection and advocacy efforts

Further Information – Government Decisions & Environmental Legislation

- Australian Government – Dept. of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water: <https://www.dcceew.gov.au>
- National environmental petitions – <https://www.aph.gov.au>
- HOPE – www.hopeaustralia.org.au

