

DRAFT MINUTES

ENVA-CQ's Annual General Meeting

When: 5.30pm, Wednesday 23 July 2025

Where: ZOOM

Attendance: Coral Rowston, James York, Tom Sjolund, Maggie Inglis, Christine Carlisle, Sandra Williams, Claire Gronow.

Apologies: Steve Elson, Andi Jaemjamrat, Chantelle James, Imogen Lindenberg

Proxy votes provide by: Steve Elson, Imogen Lindenberg

Welcome: James welcomed everyone to EnvA's AGM and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on stolen land from wherever everyone is calling in from. He also noted that EnvA's base was on Darumbal land, but our work extends across the lands of many Traditional Owners.

Attendees were asked to briefly introduce themselves, where they were joining from and their interest in EnvA's work.

Endorsement of previous EnvA AGM

Motion: That the annual general meeting minutes of 21 August 2024 be formally accepted.

Proposed by: Christine Carlisle Seconded by: Sandra Williams Carried.

Actions arising from the minutes

- Nil

Treasurers report and financial matters

The financial report for the 2024-2025 financial year was sent prior to the meeting.

Motion: That the 2024-2025 financial report be accepted as an accurate record of EnvA's finances, including \$38,000 of wages paid to our Director/ Secretary / Treasurer

Moved: Maggie Inglis Seconded: Tom Sjolund Carried.

Special motion: That Environmental Advocacy in Central Queensland Inc. will initiate the legal and administrative process to wind up the association if adequate funding cannot be secured and the association's available financial resources fall below \$1,000.

Moved: Coral Rowston Seconded: Christine Carlisle Carried.

President's Report

James presented the President's report for the year (refer Attachment 1)



EnvA's achievements and challenges over the last year

Coral outlined the progress we have made in our advocacy in fighting against new and expanding fossil fuel projects in the Bowen Basin (refer Attachment 2)

Election of management committee

The current President, James York, thanked the current management committee, Coral Rowston (Secretary), Maggie Inglis (Treasurer) and Committee Members Christine Carlisle and Tom Sjolund. James declared all management committee positions vacant.

Claire Gronow conducted the election process for the election of a new management committee.

President:

Nomination: James York

Proposed by: Christine Carlisle

Seconded: Maggie Inglis

Other nominations: Nil

Vote outcome: Majority support for James York to return to the role of President.

Secretary:

Nomination: Coral Rowston

Proposed by: James York

Seconded by: Sandra Williams

Other nominations: Nil

Vote outcome: Majority support for Coral Rowston to continue as Secretary.

Treasurer:

Nomination: Tom Sjolund

Proposed by: James York

Seconded by: Christine Carlisle

Other nominations: Nil

Vote outcome: Majority support for Tom Sjolund to take on the role as Treasurer.

Committee member positions (up to three positions):

Nominations:

1. Maggie Inglis self-nominated, Seconded by Christine Carlisle

Vote outcome:

Majority support for Maggie Inglis to be a member of the EnvA management committee.

Open discussion on achievement and plans

James invited any questions about our achievements, our future direction or any other comments.

- Sandra congratulated everyone at EnvA in receiving Australia's Climate Leader Award for 2024

- Christine expressed support for EnvA to not replicate the work of larger conservation organisations and use EnvA's strengths in challenging small projects and advocating for improvements to legislation and policy.
- Coral expressed heart-felt thanks for Christine's involvement, advice and support over the last year as an EnvA committee member, and for the support that Claire has provided EnvA over the past year and also at this meeting.

Meeting closed at: 6.35 pm

These minutes have been reviewed by the members attending the AGM on [Date to be inserted] and endorsed as an accurate reflection of business and outcomes of the meeting.

President
Date

Attachment 1 – President’s Report

President’s Report

23 July 2025

Hi everyone!

For those who haven’t met me before, I’m James York, President of EnvA.

I’ve been actively involved with EnvA since it was first established three years ago, and for this report, I’d like to reflect on how far we’ve come and how much we’ve grown together.

Back in 2022, the federal election sent a clear message: climate change mattered to most Australians, and we needed urgent action to tackle its causes — especially greenhouse gas emissions.

At the time, cost of living pressures weren’t front and centre the way they are now. Instead, what was fresh in people’s minds were the devastating 2019–2020 bushfires and the unprecedented floods across NSW and Queensland — disasters that claimed lives and led to the most expensive recovery effort from a weather event in Australian history.

The answer seemed obvious: we needed to listen to the science, reduce emissions, and act fast to slow climate change — or risk normalising these extreme weather events. That would come at an even greater cost: to our environment, our food systems, our safety, and our way of life.

Back then, there was a real appetite at the national level for “real” climate action. But here in Central Queensland, there was still hesitation — particularly around letting go of the region’s traditional reliance on mining and agriculture.

That’s when Coral put the feelers out to see whether there was interest in standing up for climate action — or whether we were going to quietly accept that worsening storms, floods, fires, heatwaves, and coral bleaching were just part of our future.

The response was overwhelmingly positive. And here we are a few years later.

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to the original committee, and to every member of the management committee since. Your enthusiasm, knowledge, and hard work have been instrumental in getting EnvA off the ground and building the momentum we have

I’ll leave it to Coral to walk you through our wins and challenges, and to outline where we’re headed next (pending the newly elected management committee, of course!).

Finally, a sincere thank you to everyone who has supported EnvA — through your membership, your donations, your time, or simply by amplifying our voice.

Together, we've built something powerful — and I'm incredibly proud to be part of it.

Warm regards,

James York

President, EnvA-CQ

Attachment 2 – EnvA’s achievements and challenges over the last year



**We continued to focus on
our four major campaigns...**

- ★ Koalas not Coal
- ★ No new coal and gas
- ★ Keep Blue out of CQ
- ★ Fixing legislation and policy



★ Koalas not Coal ★

Did you know that thousands of hectares of koala habitat is cleared for coal mines?

Coal mines also release huge amounts of greenhouse gases during operation, and then even more when the coal is transported and burnt.



**Habitat loss and climate change are the two biggest threats to koalas.
Coal mines significantly contribute to both!**

★ Koalas not Coal ★

Spreading the message

Please help!

There are so many new and expanding coal mines proposed for Central Queensland. Thousands of hectares of koala habitat are under threat!

"Let me tell you about some of the proposals - there are too many to cover them all!"



Koko



Koalas are a regular feature in our social media!



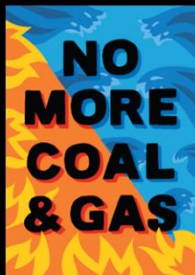
Some of the threatened species needing help in CQ



★ No New Coal and Gas ★

Most of this work is making submissions on new and expanding coal and gas.

Writing letters to government, organising petitions and getting our concerns raised in media are other important actions



WHITEHAVEN COAL'S BLACKWATER SOUTH MINE

Ghungalu Country near Blackwater in Central QLD
 Koala impacts (ha): 6,884.6
 Lifetime Coal Combustion emissions (Mt CO₂-e): 1,574

- Whitehaven plans to mine up to 10 million tonnes of coal a year for 90 years, until the year 2112
- Species likely to be impacted: Greater glider, northern quoll, star finch, koala, ornamental snake, Yakka skink, southern snapping turtle, Fitzroy River turtle

Koala habitat on the site of Whitehaven Coal's proposed Blackwater South Coal Mine, 6,884 hectares of Koala habitat is proposed to be cleared for the project, the biggest planned impacts to Koala habitat of all proposed coal mines in Australia.

No New Coal and Gas

Legal Challenges

Ensham

Blue Energy

Rolleston

Lake Vermont

Ensham Life of Mine Extension Project

- This was EnvA's first legal challenge
- We, along with Lock the Gate and the Environment Council of Central Queensland, decided to challenge the Queensland government's approval of a mining lease
- It was not an active challenge - we relied only on our submissions (which can be risky)
- A great outcome though!

A welcome decision from the Queensland Land Court!

The land court has recommended that the mining lease for the Ensham Coal mine extension be refused

Climate change and human rights must be considered when assessing new and expanding coal projects

"Unless and until the applicants show real and significant progress towards mitigating their GHG emissions, I cannot recommend the grant of the MLA"

No New Coal and Gas

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Blue Energy coal seam gas

- This was EnvA's first active legal challenge
- With the amazing assistance of the Environmental Defenders Office, our two year long legal case was settled with another great outcome!
- We managed to achieve an 80% reduction of land to be impacted and a 77% reduction in the number of gas wells.
- Our hope from here is that the Queensland Government will ensure that future assessments are based on detailed environmental assessments, and not just a desk-top analysis based on the promise of "doing further investigations later".



**WILDLIFE, WATER AND CLIMATE
ARE THE BIG WINNERS!**

EnvA's legal challenge of Blue Energy's
Coal Seam Gas project has been settled!

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Rolleston Coal Mine Spring Creek North extension

- EnvA launched this legal challenge with high-hopes. Prospects of success were good and funding opportunities were likely.
- The project was based on the need to extend the thermal coal mine project to allow the rehabilitation of the existing mine – what??
- None of the project made sense - thermal coal, impacts on threatened species (including koalas), serious impacts to water resources, and leaving a huge mine void to fill in an existing one.
- Unfortunately, we ran out of funds to run this 'active' legal case, so have stepped back to allow the court to decide the future of this coal mine.



**EnvA is taking the worlds largest mining
company to court!**

Glencore's proposed Rolleston coal mine extension will
impact on our environment forever

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Lake Vermont Meadowbrook coal mine expansion

- This coal expansion would clear over 8,000 hectares of land—displacing threatened species and destroying ecological communities in a region that has already lost nearly 80% of its original vegetation.
- QCC have stepped up as active objectors in the land court – yay!
- EnvA has lodged our submission as an inactive objector, but we are doing our best to support QCC in their active legal challenge.

**QCC is challenging the Lake Vermont
Meadowbrook coal mine expansion**

With this action, we are holding the Queensland Government accountable to keep communities safe by ensuring its decisions follow the science, adhere to our climate targets, protect nature, and keep Queenslanders safe.

Dave Capeman
Director of Queensland Conservation Council

Read EnvA's
submission and
media release on
our website!

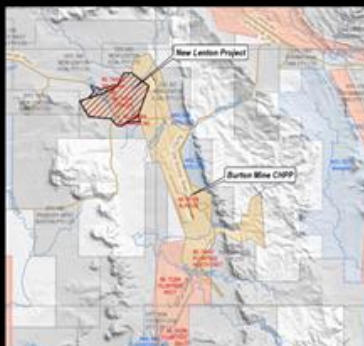
★ Vulcan South coal mine ★

Vulcan South coal mine was caught out clearing habitat and extracting coal without approval.



★ New Lenton coal mine ★

Bowen Coking Coal has applied for a new 'greenfield' coal mine



The proposed New Lenton coal mine:

- ❖ Will clear 660ha of land – including 330ha of critical koala habitat and 290ha of greater glider habitat
- ❖ Will permanently divert Ti-Tree Creek and impact on aquatic ecosystems
- ❖ Will not be fully rehabilitated or offset

New Lenton relies on the Burton Coal mine

- ❖ Bowen Coking Coal has already placed two of its CQ coal mines into care and maintenance
- ❖ Burton Coal is likely to be put on hold due to financial challenges
- ❖ Share prices got to a high of \$6 last year but now are just 7.7 cents – trading has been halted

This project does not stack up and is likely to fail – leaving yet more environmental destruction in its wake.

★ Keep Blue out of CQ ★

EnvA's legal challenge against the Queensland government's approval of this coal seam gas project has been settled!

We are claiming the legal outcome as a fantastic win for the environment and our climate!

But there is still more that we can do to "Keep Blue out of CQ"



★ Fixing legislation and policy ★

Some of Qld's legislation and policy is flawed and is resulting in poor outcomes for the environment. 🙄

Our campaign started with obvious issues with how DESI was using the guideline to determine whether an EIS was required.

Coal companies were splitting their projects into small pieces to avoid triggering the coal volume trigger.

As we continue to review projects for submissions, we keep finding even more issues that need fixing.

Guideline

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Criteria for environmental impact statements for resource projects under the Environmental Protection Act 1994

This guideline outlines criteria to be considered by the chief executive when deciding whether a resource project would be assessed by the environmental impact statement (EIS) process under chapter 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act).

Information Sheet

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Non-Use Management Areas

Guideline

Progressive rehabilitation and closure plans (PRC plans)

Guideline

Greenhouse gas emissions
Environmental Protection Act 1994

This guideline provides information to support applications for activities that involve greenhouse gas emissions.

★ Fixing legislation and policy ★

Coal mine water releases

With the increase in the number of coal mines and the increase in high rainfall events, there are now many mines releasing contaminated water at the same time.

The information made public is limited and is only available during a water release event with not measures of the cumulative downstream impacts available.

Submission on the EP Act amendments

Queensland is reviewing its environmental legislation. EnvA raised concerns about the proposed reduction in community consultation, using codes for some mining activities and delaying the requirements for submitting mine rehabilitation plans.

Bulk sampling

Exploration activities are getting bigger! When a proponent calls coal mining "exploration", they avoid any public consultation under the Qld legislation. We are actively trying to change this through submissions and correspondence.

Thank you for calling the federal environment minister.

If you want to open a new coal mine or gas hub please press 1 for our VIP queue, if you're a koala or you're calling about the looming disaster of climate change please hold until after the next election or the one after that.

Or you can check our online portal!



EnvA says the same. 2017

Do we think we are making a difference!
"YES"

BUT THERE IS STILL MORE TO DO ON THIS CAMPAIGN!

"The little achievements"

Maintaining a webpage

Hosting a Facebook page

Keeping members informed

Writing media stories

Liaison meetings

- Qld government

- CQ Coal

- Water resources

- Rehabilitation



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News



Media – print, radio and TV



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★ Our huge achievement ★

**Climate Scorecard has announced
the 2024 Climate Leader Awards:**

**EnvA won the Australian
Climate Leader Award!**

*Thank you and congratulations to everyone that
has helped and supported EnvA!*



What's Next for EnvA?

This will be a decision for our next
management committee and will
depend on the resources and
support we can gather!

**We welcome your
thoughts and ideas!**

Thank you!

EnvA wouldn't be here without your support!.

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