



**Friends of
the Earth**
Melbourne

annual review report to members

2011-2012



OUR CAMPAIGN APPROACH

Friends of the Earth (FoE) Melbourne is an independent community-based organisation working towards an ecologically sustainable and socially just future.

We are membership-based, and open to all people who share our vision. We are the local member of Friends of the Earth Australia, which is in turn the national member of FoE International, the largest grassroots environmental network on the planet.

FoE has been active in Melbourne since the early 1970s. In 2011/12 Friends of the Earth continued to campaign for the interests of people and the planet on a range of issues including climate change, pesticides and water, nuclear and clean energy, food, and Red Gum forests. Sadly, the election of a new state government with a strong anti climate and environment agenda, has meant that our resources have been stretched beyond our capacity. We continue to play a leading role in the campaign to support the development of a viable renewable energy industry in the state and to oppose any further development of fossil fuels. This includes new coal, shale gas, tight gas and coal seam gas (CSG) operations. This has now taken off into a significant state-wide issue.

There are millions of Australians who are working towards a better future, in their homes, their workplaces, their families, and through political action. FoE Melbourne has a strong 'movement' focus in its work, seeking to support strategic and effective community action for a sustainable and just future. This is reflected in our style of campaigning, which often occurs within alliances.

Over the past few years, our campaigns have been broader than ever before, and we operate through a range of tactics, including involvement in government planning processes, research and policy development, community education and outreach, alliance building, advocacy and education, and peaceful direct action.



GOING BACKWARDS UNDER THE COALITION

With the election of the Coalition to power in late 2010, we have seen a wide ranging anti environment policy implemented. The new government banned wind energy across much of the state where wind resources are best, gutted the Victorian Climate Change Act, and is actively promoting the development of an export coal industry.

FoE is non partisan, it never endorses 'people, Parties or products' and sought to develop good working relations with all the Parties in the build-up to the election.

After the election of the Coalition to power, we sought to develop constructive relationships with government, and did an assessment of the Coalition's activity and policy on environmental matters.

Sadly, the current government has been nothing less than disastrous for the environment in our state. We collaborate closely with other environmental NGOs and local communities. We seek to work where we can be most effective and where there are obvious gaps in the activity of other groups, and hence have needed to greatly increase the level of work we are doing in the realm of climate change, including a huge amount of work in regional communities across southern Australia. This has been greatly aided by the fact that the campaign group Quit Coal officially affiliated with FoE in the past year.

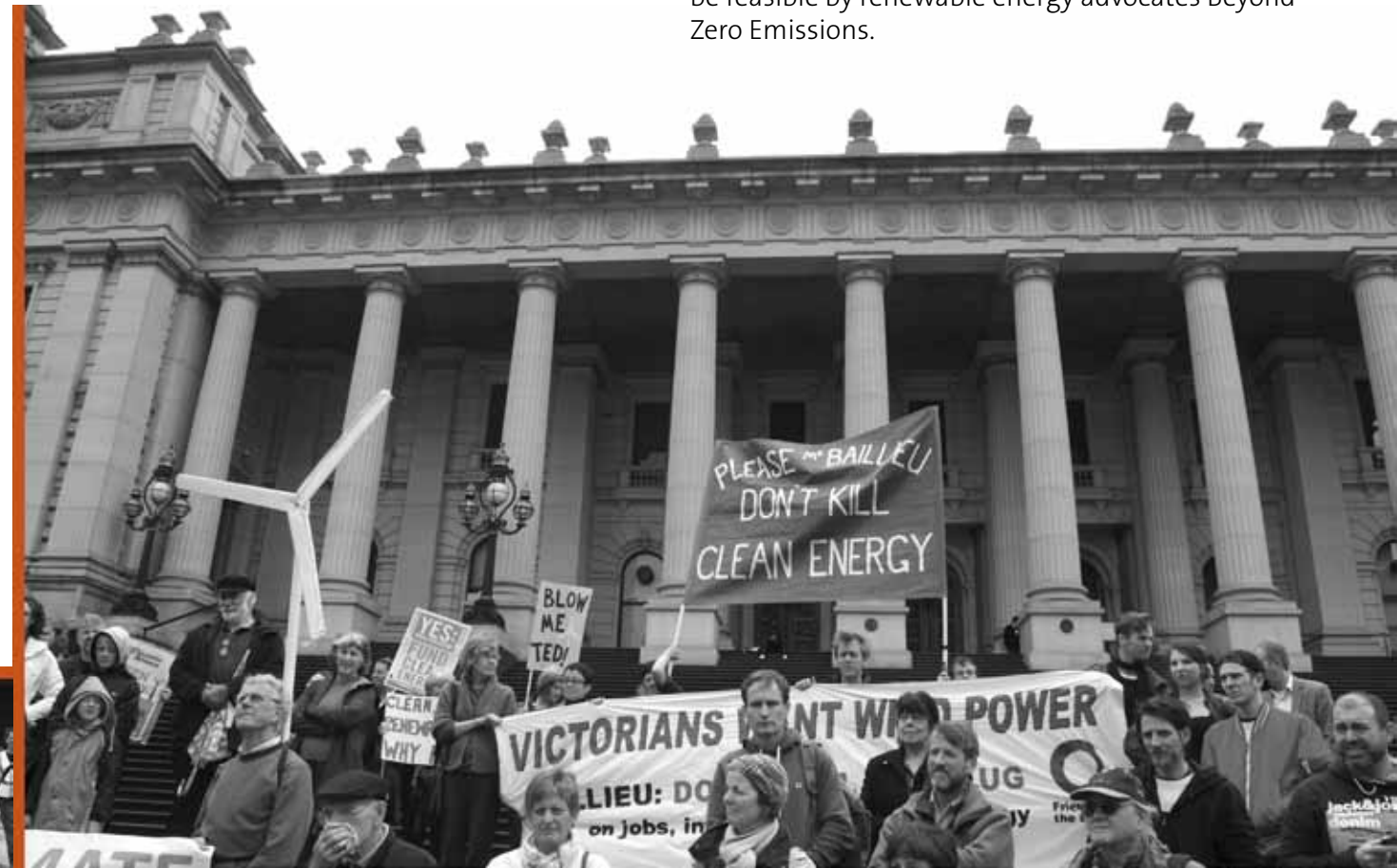
CLIMATE

In Victoria, FoE has been working with community groups to tackle climate change. We have been campaigning for a moratorium on all new coal fired power stations and against the proposed HRL coal fired power station in the Latrobe Valley.

FoE was one of the groups that started the campaign calling for the closure of the Hazelwood power station. At the first actions we helped organise in 2009, the idea of closure seemed far fetched. After years of campaigning, it is now the subject of federal negotiations under the 'contracts for closure' process.

Friends of the Earth actively promotes a just transition to renewable energy jobs for coal mining communities. We have been promoting the uptake of renewable energy by supporting initiatives for community wind farms and opposing changes to state planning laws that restrict the rollout of wind energy.

We believe that Victoria can play it's part in reducing greenhouse emissions by leading the way to a low carbon future. A starting point would be to commit to meet all our energy needs from renewable sources by 2020, which has been demonstrated to be feasible by renewable energy advocates Beyond Zero Emissions.



Quit coal affiliates with FoE

Quit Coal campaigns against the expansion of the coal industry in Victoria. This is vitally important because building new coal infrastructure means many more decades of dirty, old technology, when we should be moving towards clean, renewable energy.

Quit Coal uses a range of tactics to let the broader community know about plans for new coal projects in Victoria, and pressure the government to stop investing in them.

Quit Coal was set up in 2009 through the *Switch off Hazelwood, Switch on Renewables* campaign. It has gained strong media profile over the past year through staging a number of media stunts and actions.

In 2011 the group announced *Stop HRL*, a campaign against the company *HRL*, a private company which plans to build a 600MW coal-fired power station in the La Trobe Valley. This plant would be the first coal-fired power station to be built in Victoria for twenty years. More recently the group has been supporting the strong local community campaign against *Mantle Mining's* plans to build an open cut brown coal mine in Bacchus Marsh.

For further information: www.quitcoal.org



Time for a moratorium on new fossil fuels

Unlike our northern neighbours in Queensland, we do not yet have a commercial onshore gas industry. However much of the southern third of the state is under exploration permits, and the government continues to promote the possibility of Victoria developing a coal export industry.

In 2011, we put the issue of coal seam gas (CSG) on the political map in Victoria. We hosted a 'roadshow' through western Victoria which featured Drew Hutton, the president of the Lock the Gate alliance, a grouping of farmers and environmentalists opposed to new coal and gas operations. A number of exploration licenses for CSG and a proposal for coal exploration were subsequently relinquished as a result of community campaigning in western Victoria.

Having had great success in western Victoria in 2011, we turned our attention to Gippsland in early 2012. FoE quickly became the key group working in this realm, to both highlight and oppose new applications for CSG and coal, and also drive a state wide call for a moratorium on new coal and unconventional gas operations pending a full state government inquiry. More than 60 groups have supported our call for a full moratorium on new coal and unconventional gas operations until it can be proven to be safe and compatible with agriculture and other land uses.

We have mobilised and supported communities in opposing exploration applications for coal, CSG and Tight Gas.

We have helped co-ordinate local groups, gained excellent media coverage, worked with local councils to get them to support the call for a moratorium, and made the issue one that now has the state government's attention.

Switch off Hazelwood, switch on renewables

Hazelwood Power Station is the embodiment of Australia's failure to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Relative to its power output, it's one of the most polluting power stations in the world.

Community campaigning was sufficiently influential to encourage the ALP state government to enter into discussions with the owners of Hazelwood for a staged closure of the plant. Unfortunately, the Coalition subsequently walked away from these negotiations once they were in power.

Through Quit Coal, we managed to keep public awareness and build pressure on all parties to negotiate the closure of Hazelwood through the federal 'contracts for closure' process.

Anglesea coal mine expansion

We supported the surf coast community in their opposition to Alcoa receiving permission to mine coal for another 50 years. Apart from a public community awareness campaign, we identified renewable energy options for the region which would produce more power than the Anglesea power station while creating a substantial green job expansion.



Bacchus Marsh coal proposal

A WA company, Mantle Mining, is currently undertaking test drilling in Bacchus Marsh as part of a plan to dig a huge, open-cut coal mine, then dry and export the coal to India. They currently have an Exploration License (EL) which includes the township of Bacchus Marsh and 386 km² of the surrounding area.

In order for the brown coal to be exported, it must first be dewatered, and Mantle are planning to team up with Melbourne-based coal technology company Exergen to carry out this process.

We continue to work with the local community to oppose this project.



Yes 2 renewables

The Y2K project was established because of the obvious threat to wind energy posed by the Coalition's policy on this industry. One of the motivations for setting it up was because the forces opposed to wind farm developments are well organised and vocal, yet the majority of Victorians who support good and well planned projects are not. Polling consistently shows overwhelming community support for more renewable energy. We believe that there is a real desire in the community to find ways to support well planned and appropriate renewable projects. This has been shown strongly by the positive response we received to the launch of this pro-renewables project.

Activity included:

- active involvement in regional media debate around wind energy
- we worked with regional groups and the wind industry to help build community support for wind energy, including helping the Chepstowe wind farm gain approval when it was called in by the planning minister
- we developed an assessment of the employment and investment costs of the Baillieu government wind policy
- providing input to the development of the new NSW wind energy guidelines

- we received national media attention for releasing documents received under a Freedom of Information request that show that NSW Health, the state health department in that state, believes that anti wind campaigners are using the 'lowest form' of science to try and back their claims
- we worked in support of community owned wind proposals planned for Central Victoria
- we visited one of the key wind regions in NSW, the Boorowa – Crookwell area, to hear about community attitudes to this industry
- we helped initiate the Victorian Wind Alliance, which aims to mobilise the silent majority who do support wind energy
- through the year we continued to highlight the illogical nature of the Baillieu government's wind policy.

For further information, please see:

<http://yes2renewables.org/>

Other climate work

We helped organise a state-wide gathering of the climate movement.

Working with a range of environmental groups we organised a 'backwards under Baillieu' event at Parliament House in November to highlight the negative policies of the Victorian government.



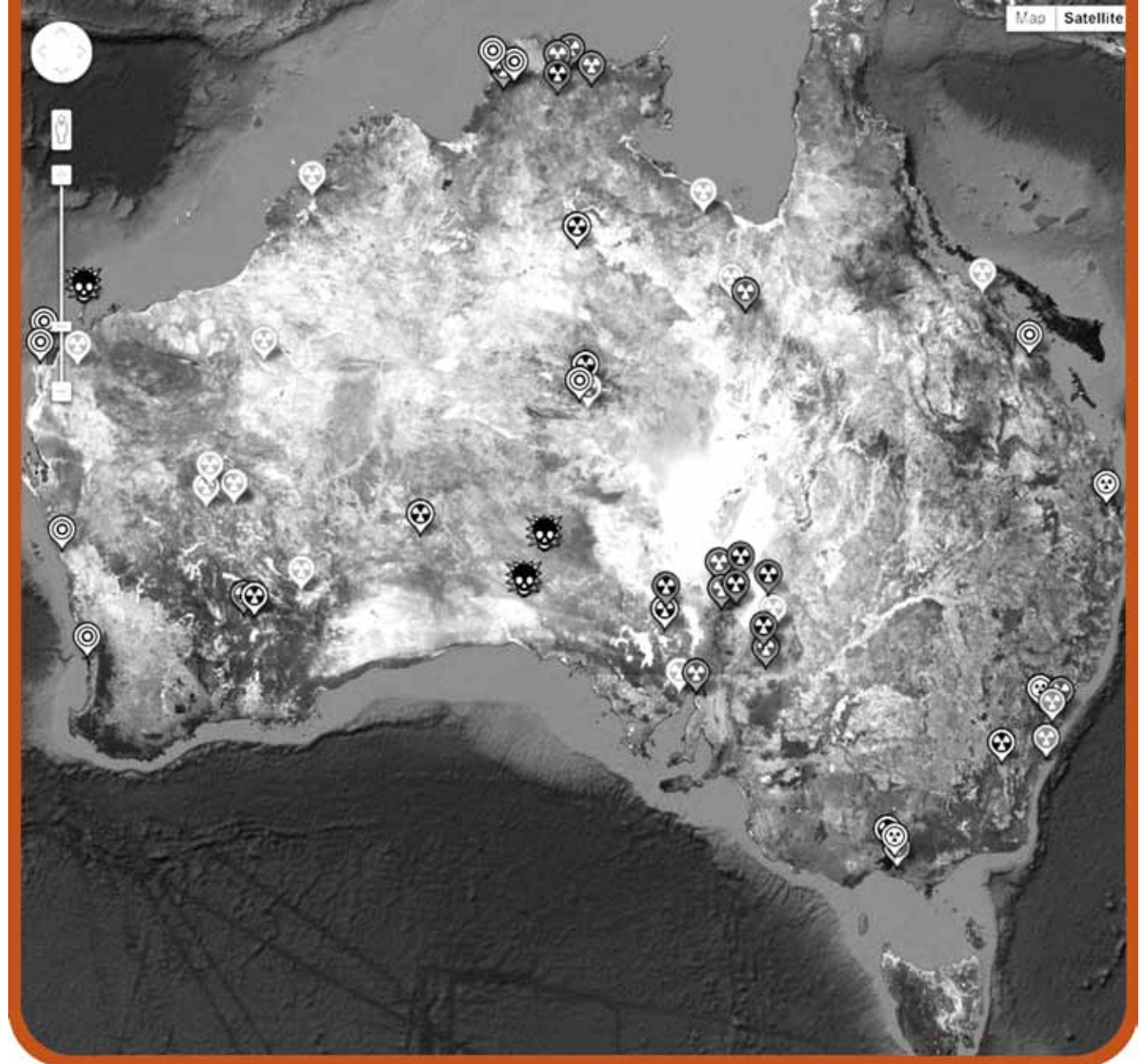
ANTI NUCLEAR & CLEAN ENERGY

The anti nuclear and pro renewables campaign has been our longest running campaign.

Friends of the Earth's Anti-nuclear and Clean Energy (ACE) campaign has been working on the environmental impacts of different energy sources for over three decades. Historically the focus was on uranium and nuclear energy; more recently the scope of the campaign's activities have been expanded to cover all energy sources.

Over the past year some highlights include the following:

- supporting the campaigns to keep WA and NSW uranium-free;
- supporting the Aboriginal-led Australian Nuclear Free Alliance;
- promoting renewables and exposing misinformation from the nuclear lobby;
- working with other NGOs to try to hold the federal government to its policy of prohibiting uranium sales to countries that have not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty;
- produced and published the online <http://australianmap.net> educational resource;
- we have provided multifaceted support for the campaign against the plan to impose a national nuclear waste dump on the land of Muckaty Traditional Owners in the NT;
- producing a detailed report on the Fukushima disaster and a range of other work relating to this nuclear disaster;



- participated in a conference in Kuala Lumpur to help build the strength of the Malaysian anti-nuclear movement;
- work on the contentious plan to export rare earth ore from WA for processing in Malaysia; and

- work on the hazards associated with food irradiation

foe.org.au/anti-nuclear

BARMAH – MILLEWA CAMPAIGN

This project grew from the campaign to gain protection for the Red Gum ecosystems along the Murray River in Victoria, while acting to ensure traditional owner groups gained greater access to land justice in this process.

The campaign has been driven by the Barmah Millewa collective (BMC) based in Melbourne, which is co-ordinated by Alyssa Vass, Jonathan La Nauze, our national water campaigner, Carmel Flint (NSW), and Indira Narayan.

Murray Darling Basin Plan Campaign

Through a range of community, media and networking initiatives, the Barmah-Millewa Collective's campaign is well on its way to ensuring the Murray Darling Basin Plan provides a lasting solution to the Basin's water crisis. Our work has consistently held decision makers to account and assured that the worst possibilities for the Basin Plan have been prevented.

We have conducted detailed policy analysis, including a submission to the public consultation of the draft Basin Plan in April 2012, which allowed us to break a number of key stories in the media.

Our work has highlighted that the draft Plan does not meet the requirements of the *Water Act 2007* and just how much it fails the Basin's ecosystems. For example, if implemented as is, the draft Plan could lead to at least half of the Basin's Ramsar listed wetlands, including the Coorong and Barmah-Millewa, losing their international status due to a failure to meet ecological targets.

To strengthen the public campaign for positive environmental outcomes, we developed strong leadership of an alliance of peak environmental NGOs campaigning on this issue and supported and mobilised a number of local environment groups

and Indigenous nations throughout Victoria and NSW to participate in consultation processes or approach their federal MP with their concerns.

"We are proud to be a part of this campaign, and to be able to openly converse with our Federal MP on such an important matter. It is unlikely we would be able to achieve what we have so far, without working with Friends of the Earth."

- Lee Fuller, Convener, Emerald for Sustainability

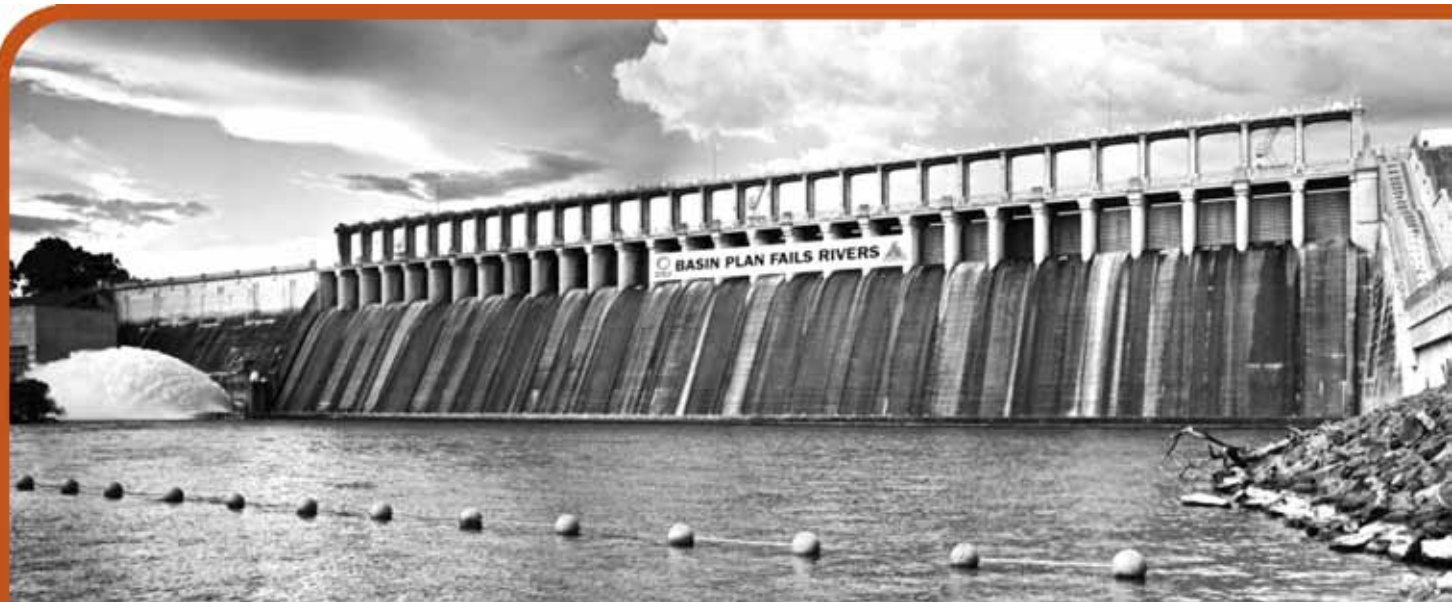
Whilst the political environment is still very challenging, the combined impact of our campaign strategies has led to a number of changes in the second iteration of the draft Basin Plan that was released in May 2012. These include:

- Limits to extraction of groundwater have been reduced by 1,200 gigalitres
- Removal of discriminatory measures relating to consideration of cultural water allocations for Indigenous communities
- Strengthening of some aspects of the environmental watering plan

At this stage it is difficult to predict the details of the final version of the Basin Plan. However, federal Water Minister Tony Burke stated on the day of the release of the second iteration that he is not yet ready to present this draft to parliament and wants to see stronger environmental outcomes. This is a direct result of the alliance presence in this debate, and we will continue our strong campaign on this issue in 2012-13.

Friends of the Earth is a member of the *Inland Rivers Network* as part of this campaign.

Further information: ourdarlingmurray.org



Talking About Cultural Water – Short Films

After working for more than a decade with Traditional Owners throughout the Murray Darling Basin to obtain protection of Red Gum forests on their Country, and joint management rights for Indigenous communities, the Barmah Millewa Collective turned their attention this year to “cultural water”.

As well as supporting Traditional Owners to participate in the Murray Darling Basin Plan processes, we began work on a short films project with the Wadi Wadi and Mutthi Mutthi communities, near Swan Hill, Victoria, and Balranald in NSW respectively.

These films include interviews with elders, families and children, discussing why healthy rivers, and adequate river flows, are essential for the maintenance of Traditional culture, including the protection of significant species such as medicinal plants and traditional food and sites of historical and cultural importance, such as middens and scar trees. Community members also talk on the films about their aspirations for being involved in improved water management over their Country, and how Indigenous knowledge can enhance non-Indigenous understanding of water management.

‘The river to me is a life of freshness and goodness. When I was a little kid that was where we got all our resources. Over the years I’ve seen my river Country change. It’s because of all the lochs, weirs and pumping stations. A lot of our good water goes before it even gets here. What I know is that what this river gave me when I was a kid, I know, is not there now.’

- Aunty Mary Pappin, Mutthi Mutthi Elder,
talking about the Murrumbidgee River

The films will be finished during 2012-13. As well as working with the individual nation groups, we have consulted with the peak Indigenous groups *Murray and Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)* and *Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN)*.

Co-Management Support and Cultural Biodiversity Surveys of Nyah Vinifera Park

The Wadi Wadi community, on the Murray River in northern Victoria, were one of the Traditional Owner groups who achieved Co-Management rights over the newly created red gum park on their Country, Nyah Vinifera Park, during our successful Red Gum Forest campaign. In order to support the negotiation of a formal Co-Management Agreement with the State Government, the Barmah Millewa Collective continued throughout 2011 to auspice the employment of a Co-Management Negotiations Coordinator and provide practical support such as conducting a training “needs analysis” with the community.

We also partnered with Wadi Wadi and Australian Ecosystems to conduct ecological surveys in Nyah Vinifera Park, provide training in surveying and species identification for community members, and cultural training for ecologists and local conservationists. A survey and training weekend was conducted in January 2012 of four sites within the park that were considered to be of both ecological and cultural importance.

The report concluded that the long-term survival of these floodplain systems will depend on the delivery of environmental flows and the reinstatement of a more typical flooding regime. Friends of the Earth will work with potential partner organisations in 2012-13 to establish an ongoing survey project within the park.



WATER & PESTICIDES

Water quality

FoE continued to research the impacts of water contamination on Melbourne's drinking water supply.

Friends of the Earth worked on pesticide pollution issues in the Yarra Valley and Broadford areas of Victoria. A study published in January reveals that the upper Yarra catchment may be the most pesticide laden rivers in Australia. This is of concern because a large portion of Melbourne's drinking water supply is sourced from the Yarra. Friends of the Earth is also extending into pesticide and water research into other states, with information being gathered from South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia.

Gippsland Lakes

Friends of the Earth has also lobbied the Federal Government regarding the status of the Gippsland Lakes. The Gippsland Lakes are turning saline, mainly due to dredging at the mouth of the lakes system near Lakes Entrance, which has allowed vast amounts of sea water into the Lakes. Friends of the Earth asked the Federal Government why the dredging does not come under the EPBC Act when its impacts extend far wider than the area that has been dredged.

Eastern golf course, Yarra River

The Eastern Golf Club has been planning to move from their current location at Doncaster to a new location at Yering for several years.

In late 2010, the \$70 million relocation was opposed in VCAT by Friends of the Earth Inc, Healesville Environment Watch Inc and Bill Boerkamp after the relocation had been approved by Yarra Ranges Shire Council and Melbourne Water. VCAT found in our favour.

Since then the developers have been working to meet the conditions that were imposed as a result of the VCAT finding. FoE has continued to track this issue.

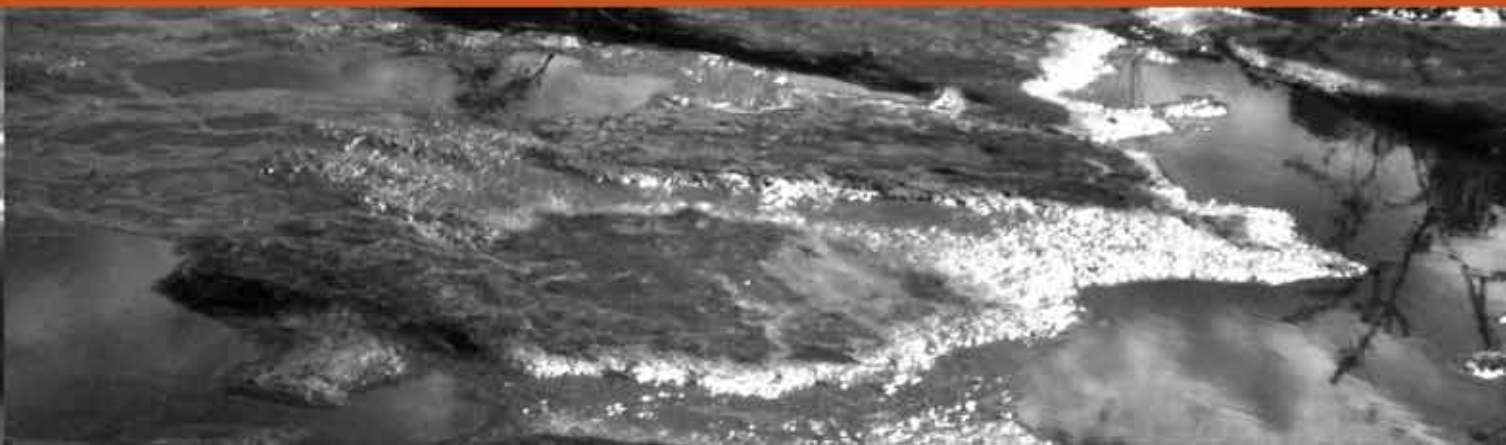
Copper chrome arsenate (CCA) timber products

Following community campaigning by groups including FoE, the federal regulator the APVMA announced its decision to review the registration of timber treatment products containing arsenic. Arsenic timber treatments were nominated for review because of information that suggested that arsenic might leach out of treated timber and pose a risk to people and the environment.

In 2012, APVMA decided to declare CCA as a Restricted Chemical Product, which means CCA products can only be supplied to, and used by, suitably trained persons authorised under relevant state or territory laws. It cannot be used in high-contact timber structures: this includes garden furniture, picnic tables, exterior seating, children's play equipment, patio and domestic decking, and handrails, and must be clearly labelled.

We congratulate Anthony Amis for his many years of work on this issue and the good outcome that has been achieved.

Anthony remains a member of the APVMA Community Consultative Committee. APVMA are the federal regulatory body for Agricultural Pesticides and Veterinary Products.



FORESTS & BIODIVERSITY

There are two aspects to our forests work – a campaign to ensure adequate protection of native forests which are currently subjected to harvesting operations, and seeking to ensure that the plantation estate is managed in a sustainable manner, with minimal social and environmental impacts on local ecosystems and human communities.

Strzeleckis Ranges

For many years, FoE has been the sole group operating at the state level which watch dogs forestry operations on private land. We collaborate with a range of local communities and organisations in this work, notably Friends of Gippsland Bush. We catalogue the social and environmental impacts of pine plantations and native forest operations on private land. A key focus is the operations of *Hancock Timber Resources Group*, who bought up the rights to log public land plantations when the Victorian Plantations Corporation was privatised by the government led by Jeff Kennett.

College Creek, which is a National Site of Significance for its old growth cool temperate rainforest, is currently being logged by Hancock Victorian Plantations in breach of a 2006 State Government Agreement to protect the area from logging and include the area into the Strzelecki Cores and Links Rainforest Reserve.

Around 80% of logs logged at College Creek will end up at Maryvale Pulp Mill (now owned by Nippon Paper) to be converted into Reflex Copy Paper. We continue to play an active role in monitoring forestry operations throughout the Strzelecki Ranges and seeking to gain better outcomes and enhanced protection for these important forests.

Our work over the past year had a strong focus on advocating for adequate protection of the Strzelecki

koala which is the most genetically robust population remaining in Victoria and South Australia.

Much of this work has been focussed on getting the Strzelecki Koala listed through the federal EPBC Act. FoE sent in a submission to the Senate Inquiry into the Status, Health and Sustainability of Australia's Koala population and presented to the committee in August.

We continue to provide support to local community campaigns seeking to gain protection of high conservation value native forests.

Real Food Group

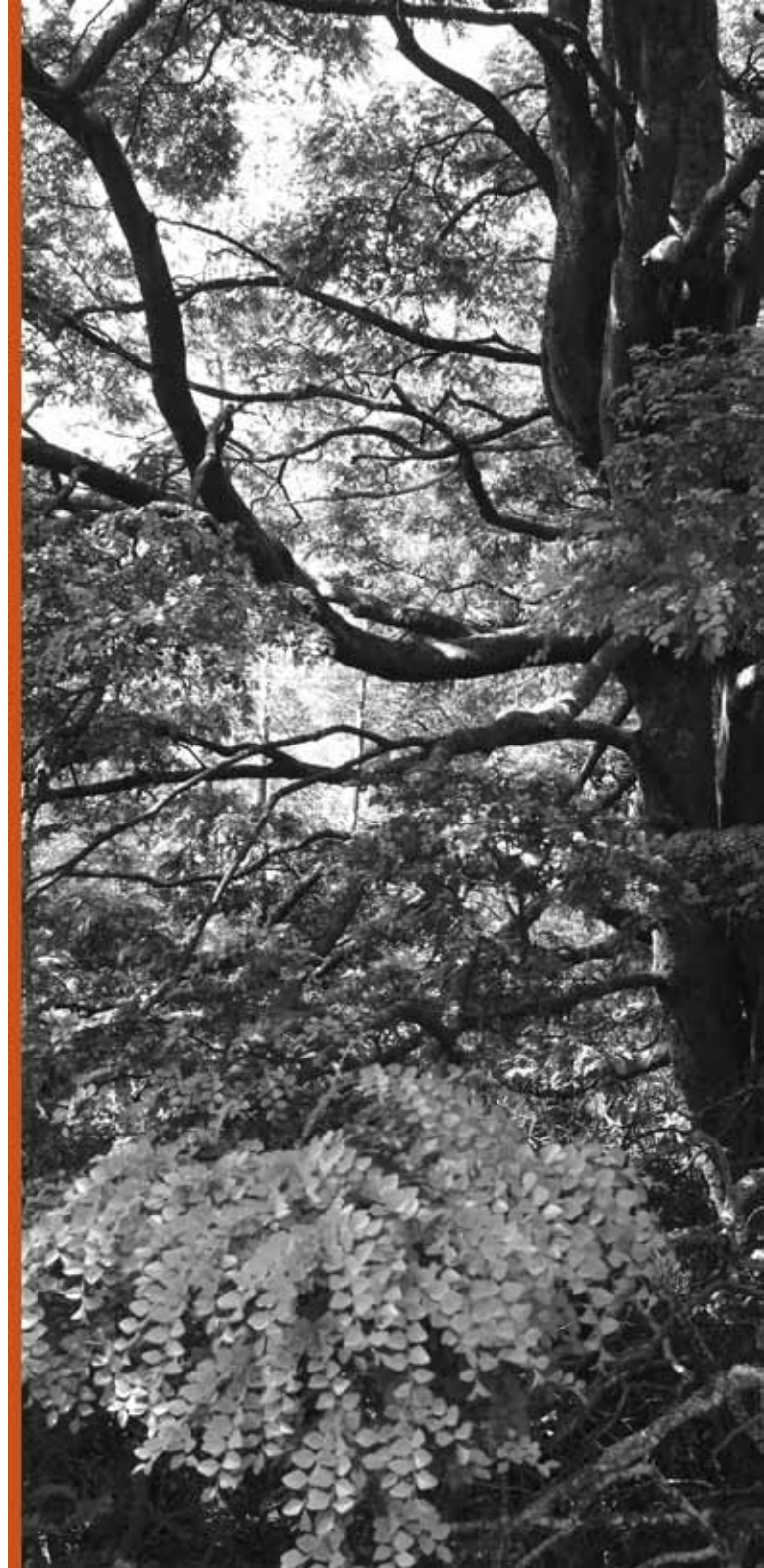
The group had a busy year, and hosted several 'real food' film nights and talks. It updated the Produce Pocket Guide which fits into a purse or wallet and shows what fruit and vegetables are in season at different times of the year for the local Melbourne region. Buying in-season food from local small retailers and is one of the simplest everyday things you can do to support local growers and reduce your carbon footprint.

Friends of the Earth released a report *The Dose Makes the Poison?* which highlights the Australian fruit and vegetables most at risk of pesticide residues and names the pesticides most commonly detected in Australian foods.

According to the research, the most risky foods are: apples, wheat, strawberries, pears, grapes, nectarines, peaches and bread. The most risky imported food identified over the past two years was Chinese peanut butter.

The report is available here:

http://www.foe.org.au/sites/default/files/TheDoseMakesThePoisonFeb2012_0.pdf



BOOKSHOP & CO-OP

Throughout the year, the downstairs businesses continued to be the cornerstone of the thriving FoE building in Collingwood.

However, we have taken the difficult decision to wind up the bookshop. A range of factors, especially the trend towards on-line purchasing of books, meant that we could no longer financially sustain the bookshop. This decision was compounded by a significant rental increase on our premises on Smith Street. The bookshop had been in existence for several decades.

The co-op continues to host a number of programs aimed at refugees and other new arrivals to Australia, long term un employed, and people on day release from corrections facilities.



OTHER INITIATIVES

Environmental education

Environmental education was a major aspect of our work during the year. Key public education and mobilisation events included the following public forums:

- public forums on CSG in Victoria (Fitzroy, March and May)
- community activism forum (Fitzroy, May)
- A briefing session on CSG and new coal in Victoria (South Melbourne, June)
- Over the past year, we have spoken at public forums in the following places on a range of topics: Aireys Inlet, Anglesea, Bacchus Marsh, Bairnsdale, Ballan, Ballarat, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Colac, Forrest, Geelong, Langwarry, Lara, Melbourne, Modewarre, Portland, Tarwin Lower, Sale, Toongabbie, Traralgon, Warrnambool, and Wonthaggi
- We held a substantial number of community awareness stalls, in both metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

We are working with Balangara Films on their documentary The Message of the Lyrebird.

<http://www.balangarafilms.com/index.html>

Nanotechnology

We continue to host the FoE Australia nanotechnology project, with two staff – Georgia Miller and Elena McMaster based in the Melbourne office. Georgia started a PhD and Elena left the position in 2011/12 and Gregory Crocetti and Louise Sales are the new campaigners in this project.

Please see the FoE Australia report for details on activity during 2011/12.

Local environmental campaigning and alliances

FoE has continued to collaborate closely with other peak Victorian green groups including Environment Victoria (EV), Wilderness Society (TWS), and the Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA). A media officer position is shared between FoE and EV, the VNPA and TWS. Sadly, this position was discontinued in 2012 due to lack of funding.

We work closely with The Wiradjuri, Yorta Yorta, Taungurung, Barapa Barapa, Wamba Wamba, Mutti Mutti, Wadi Wadi, Latji Latji, Wergaia and Ngarrindjeri Nations.

We work closely with the Environment Defenders Office.

In addition, we continue to support a wide range of community campaigns and projects around the state.

THE ORGANISATION

Finances and fund raising over view

The upstairs campaign office has worked hard to continue building our income. Our core team is composed of a campaigns co-ordinator, membership development officer, finance manager and operations co-ordinator. These positions are funded by membership, donations, fund raising and direct debit income.

In 2012, our main membership drive was called The Big Ask. This will become an annual event which will be held each autumn.

Campaigns are responsible for their own fund raising, with support from the office staff.

The downstairs businesses provide considerable financial support to the campaigns, not least through paying the bulk of the rent on the building, therefore greatly reducing overheads for the campaign collectives.

There are currently three part time staff employed in the businesses, and eleven part time staff in the upstairs campaign office.

A copy of our audited financial report is available upon request. melissa.slattery@foe.org.au



Organisational development

In 2008, FoE agreed to change the structure of it's Committee of Management (called the Policy & Accountability Collective, or PAC), giving it a greater responsibility for oversight of finances, strategic development, and governance and risk assessment.

Over the past year, the PAC has continued to work hard to clarify its roles and has been a great benefit to the organisation, taking on oversight of funding, risk and development issues.

The members of the PAC in 2011/12 were:

Dave Sweeney
Gregor Husper
Leanne MacLean
Sarah Johnson
Cam Walker
Beth Cameron
Samantha Castro

As a result of the FoE renewal and planning process, the organisation created a new core staff position responsible for managing our core admin tasks and provide support for people (operations co-ordinator).

Governance

On a day to day level all campaign collectives manage their own affairs. Once a month all campaigns attend the strategy meeting, which is where whole of organisation decisions are taken. The Committee of Management (PAC) acts in an oversight role to strategy. There are regular campaigners' meetings and working groups are established as needed to deal with specific issues.

thanks!

To the following people, foundations, businesses and organisations who supported our work over the last year:

The Barmah campaign wishes to acknowledge the following supporters:

Australian Communities Foundation
Australian Geographic
PMF Foundation
Reichstein Foundation
And individual donors

FoE wishes to thank the following for their support:

City of Yarra community grants
Colonial First State
Conservation Council WA
Gladneys Pty Ltd
Oxfam
Patagonia Australia
The Lurkers
Total Environment Centre

And all our members and supporters

We must thank our 4 individual donors who allowed us to employ a renewable energy campaigner



FINANCIAL REPORT 2012

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year ended 30 June 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Revenue		
Food Co-op Sales	\$498,938.68	\$466,294.38
Book Shop Sales	\$93,948.52	\$136,673.07
Membership Subscription	\$20,499.11	\$21,891.52
Donations	\$291,443.84	\$412,568.06
Fundraising	\$20,120.33	\$33,076.39
Grant Income	\$130,328.46	\$170,538.87
Bank Interest	\$11,560.91	\$12,977.42
Miscellaneous Income	\$8,135.53	\$28,240.15
Consultancy	\$0.00	\$0.00
Proceeds on sales of Fixed Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legacies & Bequest	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$1,074,975.38	\$1,282,259.86
Expenditure		
Cost of Goods Sold - Food Co-op	\$434,748.17	\$331,421.45
Cost of Goods Sold - Book Shop	\$58,626.95	\$75,834.85
Wages and Assoc. Cost	\$524,896.58	\$444,291.82
Administration Expenses	\$68,752.91	\$79,201.82
Rent and Outgoings	\$59,384.73	\$54,748.86
Fundraising Expenses	\$8,833.72	\$11,835.89
Campaigning Cost (inc Travel)	\$42,707.78	\$54,999.76
Bank Charges & Fees	\$10,339.54	\$6,084.74
Donations	\$50.00	\$30,303.00
Depreciation & Amortisation	\$8,902.80	\$7,473.45
Insurance	\$6,800.56	\$3,113.58
Gas, Electricity & Water	\$9,944.33	\$8,858.09
Audit Fees - Audit or Reviewing the Financial Report	\$2,806.00	\$2,926.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$310.70	\$21,085.48
Consultants	\$13,972.65	\$96,208.41
Legal & Government Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$1,251,077.42	\$1,228,387.20
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(\$176,102.04)	\$53,872.66
Other comprehensive income	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total comprehensive income for the year	(\$176,102.04)	\$53,872.66
Total comprehensive income attributable to the members	(\$176,102.04)	\$53,872.66

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2011

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash on hand and at bank		\$102,012.10	\$180,051.05
Short-term bank deposits		\$179,043.04	\$189,672.60
Receivables	2	\$1,610.24	\$18,910.42
Inventories	5	\$61,069.69	\$68,621.60
Sundry debtors	2	\$105,518.41	\$56,963.63
Total current assets		\$449,253.48	\$514,219.30
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	6	\$21,061.78	\$27,319.04
Total non-current assets		\$21,061.78	\$27,319.04
Total assets		\$470,315.26	\$541,538.34
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade payables		\$62,254.89	\$44,634.27
General creditors		\$54,990.40	\$29,058.55
Grants/income received in advance		\$17,952.93	\$0.00
Employee provisions	1(n)	\$79,030.21	\$36,653.60
Building fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total current liabilities		\$214,228.43	\$110,346.42
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowing's		\$0.00	\$0.00
Other creditors		\$2,096.95	\$1,100.00
Total non-current liabilities		\$2,096.95	\$1,100.00
Total liabilities		\$216,325.38	\$111,446.42
Net assets		\$253,989.88	\$430,091.92
Retained surplus & reserve			
Opening retained surplus		\$277,072.92	\$220,978.76
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(\$176,102.04)	\$53,872.66
Transfer from/(to) building reserve		\$53,006.17	\$2,221.50
Closing retained surplus	11	\$153,977.05	\$277,072.92
Opening balance building reserve		\$153,019.00	\$155,240.50
Transfer from/(to) retained surplus		(\$53,006.17)	(\$2,221.50)
Closing balance building reserve	3	\$100,012.83	\$153,019.00
Total surplus & reserve		\$253,989.88	\$430,091.92

Statement by members of the PAC Management Committee

In the opinion of the members of the committee the financial report:

- Represents a true and fair view of the financial position of Friends of the Earth (Melbourne) Inc as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Friends of the Earth (Melbourne) Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the

Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



Samantha Castro, Collingwood, Victoria

In kind support:

We have had some significant changes over the past year, with some long term staff and volunteers moving on. We want to say a heartfelt thankyou to the following people for their incredible contribution to keeping FoE going:

- Elena McMaster, who has stepped down as one of the nanotechnology campaigners
- Ian Kenins, who was the shared media officer for FoE and 3 other state based ENGOS
- Indira Narayan. Indira has worked with FoE over various stints of time for well over a decade and

a half. In 2012, she finished up as the co-ordinator of the Murray Country project

- Jonathan la Nauze, who has started as the Australian Conservation Foundation water campaigner after working at FoE for almost 11 years

Staff

Food co-operative co-ordinator: **Beth Cameron**

Bookshop: **Karri Cameron**

Campaigns office:

Membership development: **Justin Butler**

Finances: **Melissa Slattery.**

Operations co-ordinator: **Samantha Castro**

Campaigns co-ordinator: **Cam Walker**

Plantations/ pesticides: **Anthony Amis**

Barmah Millewa campaign/
Red Gum co-ordinator: **Alyssa Vass**

Water campaigner: **Jono La Nauze**

Murray Country Project Coordinator: **Indira Narayan**

Climate campaign renewable
energy campaigner: **Ben Courtice**

Media officer: **Ian Kenins**

Nanotechnology campaigners: **Georgia Miller,
Louise Sales and Gregory Crocetti**

Nuclear:
state co-ordinators: **Tully McIntyre and Zin Rain**
national co-ordinator: **Jim Green**

Volunteer conveners:

Climate justice group: **Brett Constable**

Indigenous solidarity - Latin America: **Marisol Salinas**

Quit Coal campaign: **all the wonderful activists of QC**

Real food campaign: **Martin Pritchard**



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This report covers the financial year 2011/12.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (MELBOURNE) INC**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose financial report, of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (MELBOURNE) INC** which comprises the balance sheet as at 30th June 2012, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The management of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (MELBOURNE) INC** is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The management's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Management's financial reporting requirement. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the relevant independence requirements.

DIRECTORS
JANET L. COLLYER FCPA
LIONEL R. ARNOLD CA B.BUS
RAELENE LAI CPA B.COM



Chartered Accountants

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Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (MELBOURNE) INC**

- (a) gives a true and fair view of **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (MELBOURNE) INC**'s financial position as at 30th June 2012 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1.


Janet Collyer
J L COLLYER & PARTNERS

22th October 2012