

Environmental Health Special Interest Group Annual Workplan 2011-12

Final

Priority Ambitions

1. Ongoing activity on coal mining and use
2. Continuing action on sustainability
3. Continuing to implement the Safe Climate Policy
4. Continuing to oppose the nuclear industry in Australia
5. Continuing to develop and implement policy and action on chemical toxins
6. Broaden environment discussion beyond climate change

Policy Ambitions

1. Developing policy on coal mining and use
2. Developing umbrella policy on environmental chemical and toxin exposure
3. Developing policy or position on Emerging and Innovative Enabling Technologies
4. Developing policy on Air Quality.
5. Continue with FANSIG to develop Food Security and Climate Policy
6. Review policy in line with regular review cycle

Advocacy

Using papers, media and meetings to:

- Develop discussion on health implications of coal mining and use, to support DEA and other actors
- Continue to implement Safe Climate Policy
- Continue advocacy against expansion of the nuclear industry in Australia
- Use opportunities as they arise to advance other policy action
- Increase ANPHA awareness of health environment/ecosystem co-benefits of chrd prev

Representing PHAA on Environmental-related Committees

- Environmental Health Committee (enHealth) [subcommittee of the Australian Health Protection Committee (AHPC), Dept Health and Aging – Liz Hanna
- National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment (NICNAS), Dept Health and Aging – Andreas Lopata
- The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)
- Victorian Agricultural Chemicals Advisory Committee (VACAC), Victorian government - (still in abeyance post Vic election pending Ministerial decision; Michael Schaeffer still proposed)
- National Enabling Technologies Strategy (NETS) – Margaret Stebbing

Liaison with other Organisations

- Continue collaboration with CAHA (Climate & Health Alliance) on Climate Change issues

- Continue collaboration with DEA and other actors on health implications of coal mining and use, and air quality
- Continue collaboration with ANFA and working with other anti-nuclear and indigenous organisations on the nuclear industry

Liaison with National Office

As necessary for support with policy implementation and administration

Liaison with SIG members

Generally on each priority area and specifically with interested individuals on particular topics

Projects – paid project officer

None planned

Scholarships

None planned

Population Health Congress 2012

Possible presentations on research on chemicals, climate change, and other priority topics

SIG workshops prior to / at Population Health Congress 2012

Workshop on the Political Ecology of environmental changes

Administrative

Annual General Meeting: in July 2012 to bring SIG governance in line with financial year operational planning

Finance: as usual

Annual Report: as usual

Election of Officers: at AGM

Communications: email