

D25 South Coast Organisation Opposing Pollution (S.C.O.O.P.)

Creator: South Coast Organisation Opposing Pollution (S.C.O.O.P.), 1970-1972

Historical Note: The South Coast Organisation Opposing Pollution (S.C.O.O.P.) was established on 13 September 1970 as a committee of the Hughes Federal Electorate Council (A.L.P.) to inquire into and publicise the activities of Clutha Development Pty. Ltd. The company proposed constructing a railway line between its coal mines in the Burragorang to the coastal village of Coalcliff, where a stockpile and marine terminal would be established.

When the N.S.W. Parliament passed the Clutha Development Pty Limited Agreement Act in December 1970, S.C.O.O.P. joined with other concerned bodies to establish the Clutha Committee. This committee acted as the co-ordinating force in the campaign against Clutha.

On 8 February 1972 the Clutha company announced the abandonment of its plans. S.C.O.O.P. was disbanded in that same month.

Record Summary: Association records – minutes, correspondence, publications newspaper clippings

Date Range: 1969-1973

Quantity: 44cm. (4 boxes plus 3 oversized items)

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Note: For related material see also 'D' collections of other local environmental associations.

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1. Minutes - S.C.O.O.P. 1970-1972

Manuscript copies of rough minutes and typescript copies of fair minutes of meetings held by S.C.O.O.P. Minutes have not been endorsed. [Endorsed fair minutes may have been lodged with the Hughes Federal Electorate Council, A.L.P.] The file also contains material related to the history and organisation of S.C.O.O.P.

1. 20 Sep 1970 - Feb 1972

2. Minutes and Agenda - various associations 1969-1971

Typescript copies of minutes and agenda from various associations concerned with the campaign against the developments proposed by Clutha in the Illawarra district. Associations include the Surf Life Saving Association, South Coast Labour Council and the Coalcliff Progress Association.

1. 2 Apr 1969 -24 Sep 1971

3. The Clutha Committee 1971

The Committee was formed in 1971 to seek the repeal of the Clutha Development Act and the enactment of legislation to ensure that no similar scheme be undertaken prior to a full public inquiry. All groups opposed to the Clutha proposals were invited to affiliate with the Committee, which was based in Sydney.

1. Constitution, minutes.

4. Correspondence 1970-1971

The files include letters and other material forwarded to S.C.O.O.P. by various interested individuals including politicians.

1. 1970 Inward
2. 1970 Outward
3. 1971 Inward
4. 1971 Outward

5. Petitions 1971

Undated and signed petitions to the Commonwealth and N.S.W. Parliaments seeking the repeal of the Clutha Development Act. The file also contains letters of support from crew members of the 'Sydney Trader' and staff members of the Department of Economics, Wollongong University College.

1. 1971

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6. Press Releases and Speeches 1970-1972

Typescript copies of press statements and speeches made on behalf of various parties concerned with the support of, or opposition to, proposed development by Clutha at Coalcliff.

1. L.R. Johnson, M.H.R. for Hughes
2. Clutha Development Pty Ltd
3. N.S.W. Government
4. Sundry

7. Campaign Literature 1971

Copies of posters, handbills, artwork and other material used in the campaign to effect the repeal of the Clutha Development Act. Files contain material used by both S.C.O.O.P. and other organisations involved in the campaign

1. Posters and handbills
"Illawarra Mercury. Clutha Scoops Murkury" [oversized poster]
Annotated photograph [oversized]
"Do you want to live in a coal dump" [oversized poster]
2. Drawings and cartoons

8. Printed Matter 1971-1972

Articles opposing the activities of Clutha Development Pty Ltd appeared in a variety of union and other journals. Shorter articles were included in the newspaper clippings books [see D25/13/1-6].

1. The Seamen's Journal. Vol.26, no.1, May 1971.
2. The Union Recorder [Sydney University]. Vol.51, no.11, 3 Jun 1971.
3. N.S.W. Firefighter. Vol.4, no.1, Jun 1971.
4. Health Standard [Health and Research Employees' Association of Australia]. Jun-Jul 1971.
5. Tertangala: "Clutha Who?" [Wollongong University College]. Aug 1971.
6. The Smoke Signal [South Coast Conservation Society]. Vol.II, no.VII, Oct 1971; Vol.III, no.VI, Jun 1972. Eco News [Environment Defence Council]. Sep 1972.
7. Politics. Vol.VII (2), Nov 1972. - Extract "Clutha: the Politics of Pollution" by J. Hagan, pp.136-148.
8. Clutha Development – Australian Coal for Export issued by Clutha Development Pty Ltd.

9. Conference Papers 1972

Copies of papers presented at a symposium on the treatment and disposal of water-borne colliery wastes held at Wollongong University College on 21 July 1972. The symposium was conducted by the Illawarra Regional Committee of the Water Research Foundation Australia.

1. Sanders, G. "A Review of Australian and Overseas Practice."

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2. Wheway, R. "The Influence of Particle Size on the Treatment and Disposal Processes."
3. Pollard, F. "Flocculation and Classification with respect to Coal preparation."
4. Edwards, G. "Current Local Practices."

10. Reports and Notes 1970-1971

Copies of reports and notes made by various individuals and organisation concerned with the well-being of the environment. Items generally relate to the campaign to effect the repeal of the Clutha Development Act.

1. South Coast Organisation Opposing Pollution
2. N.S.W. Labor Council
3. Ecology Action
4. National Trust of Australia (N.S.W)
5. Social Responsibility in Science (Sydney Group)
6. N.S.W. Parliamentary Labor Party
7. Department of Conservation (N.S.W.)
8. Sundry

11. Parliamentary Publications 1970-1971

Printed and duplicated copies of questions asked, and statements made, in the Commonwealth and N.S.W. Parliaments regarding Clutha Development Pty Ltd and its intention to develop coal loading facilities at Coalcliff, N.S.W.

1. Commonwealth Parliament
2. N.S.W. Parliament

12. Maps

Printed and photostat maps of the Illawarra District indicating existing collieries, mining leases and proposed developments particularly by Clutha Development Pty Ltd.

13. Newspaper Clippings. 1970-1973 [6 volumes. 12cm.]

Clippings from local and national newspapers and various journals on subjects related to the despoliation of the physical environment and in particular to the threat posed by the actions of Clutha Development Pty. Ltd.

1. 14 Oct 1970 – 24 Jun 1971
2. 10 Oct 1970 – 27 Jun 1972
3. 15 Aug 1970 – 31 May 1971
4. 25 Jun 1971 – 10 Nov 1971
5. 24 Mar 1971 – 30 May 1972
6. 1 Jun 1971 – 9 Jan 1973

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14. Conservation Seminar Papers 1970

Duplicated typescript copies of papers presented at a seminar on education and the Environment Crisis held at the Australian National University, 26-28 June 1970.

1. Boyden, S. "Environmental Change: Perspectives and Responsibilities."
2. Connell, D. "The Barrier Reef Conservation Issue."
3. Hill, J. "The Black Mountain Reserve."
4. Lanteri, A. "Pollution Legislation in Victoria."
5. Mercer, J. "Environmental Education for Non-Biologists at Tertiary Level."
6. Mosley, J. "South-Western Tasmania."
7. Piesse, R. "The Role of the Australian Conservation Foundation."
8. Stapp, W. "A Strategy for Curriculum Development and Implementation in Environmental Education at the Elementary and Secondary Level based on Environmental Encounters."
9. Reports of study groups appointed to investigate problem areas.