



LAWS8055

Environmental Law and Sustainable Development

Session 1, Intensive attendance, North Ryde 2020

Macquarie Law School

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

(Admission to JD and 80cp in LAWS or LAW units above 6000 level) or (admission to LLM or MSusDev)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit introduces students to the specialised and burgeoning area of environmental law on both the national and international stage. It traces the historical foundations of environmental regulation and evaluates the effectiveness of current environmental law in the context of ongoing and emerging challenges. The unit adopts a multidisciplinary perspective to help augment understanding of the complexity of environmental challenges and enhance the analysis of relevant legislation and case law. Specific topics include regulating the relationship between environment and development, principles underlying environmental regulation and the implementation of environmental standards through law and policy. Case studies will be used over the course of the unit to provide updates with current developments in environmental law.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Identify and critique key ethical and interdisciplinary perspectives on the environment and the relevance of different aspects of jurisprudential and legal theory that underlie environmental law including ecologically sustainable development and environmental justice

ULO2: Describe and analyse the history of environmental law Australia all levels of government, the influence of international law, the role contextual factors that has motivated change and the different range of legal systems relevant to that have contributed to environmental regulation

ULO3: Critically analyse and evaluate different forms of environmental regulation, legal and otherwise, and the regulatory tools available, the application of such regulation to the management of both discrete and global environmental challenges

ULO4: Identify, interpret the most important cases and statutory regimes in Australian environmental law and analyse the interpretation and application of those regimes in the context of leading judicial decisions

ULO5: Identify and analyse the major challenges facing environmental law in Australia and explain, taking into consideration past successes/failures, whether existing law and policy taking into and the future of environmental change in the Anthropocene epoch and where necessary, recommendations for law and policy reform.

Assessment Tasks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult [iLearn](#) for revised unit information.

[Find out more about the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and potential impacts on staff and students](#)

General Assessment Information

Details of the assessment tasks and detailed marking rubrics are available on iLearn.

All written assessments are to be submitted electronically via Turnitin. Plagiarism detection software is used in this unit and the University's Academic Honesty Policy is strictly applied.

All written assignments must be referenced in accordance with the Australian Guide to Legal Citation Volume 4.

Word limits will be strictly applied. Material over the word limit will not be read.

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved,

(a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and

(b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline.

No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments.

Delivery and Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

Textbook: Gerry Bates, *Environmental Law in Australia*, 10th edition, 2019.

Weekly tutorial questions and other information about the unit will also be communicated through iLearn.

Students will be required to use a computer to interact with online research databases and web-based research tools. This unit's iLearn page will also contain additional lessons with multimedia content to facilitate learning. All students need access to a secure and reliable server for access

to iLearn and submission of assessment tasks.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
19/02/2020	Changes to staffing and communication