

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
SCHOOL OF NATURAL & BUILT ENVIRONMENTS**

PROGRAM(S):

COURSE:           **Environmental Law (ENVT 3010)**

EXAMINATION: **Internal Exam, Semester 1, 2004**

DURATION:       **3 Hours of Exam time preceded by 10 minutes of Reading  
time, a total of 3 Hrs 10 Mins.**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- This exam is worth 50% of the total course marks
- All questions are of equal value.
- **Attempt three of six (6) questions.**
- State any assumptions made.
- Materials allowed; Open book.

# Environmental Law Examination

**Time; 3 hours**

**Open book examination**

**All questions worth equal marks**

**Answer three of the six questions only**

**Clearly indicate on your paper which 3 questions you have chosen to answer**

1. Compare and contrast the focus of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (SA)* and that of the *Native Vegetation Act 1991 (SA)*. Compare the methods the two Acts use to achieve their aims. Choose one of these Acts and suggest how it could significantly be improved to conserve and enhance biodiversity.
  
2. "International law for the protection of the environment is powerless in the face of national and corporate interests."  
Discuss both sides of this argument and offer your own supported conclusions.
  
3. A new dairy farm is proposed beside a swamp on the Fleurieu Peninsula.
  - ◆ Choose at least 3 pieces of legislation that may need to be considered before this development could go ahead.
  - ◆ For each piece of legislation explain its general purpose and objectives in your own words.
  - ◆ Explain the relevance of each piece of legislation to this situation.
  
4. Discuss at least 4 methods that legislation can use to protect the environment using examples from legislation and real cases to illustrate your points. Explain which of these methods you would recommend to reduce our State's greenhouse gas emissions. Explain why you think these methods would be the most effective for this issue.
  
5. (a) What powers does the Australian Constitution give to the Federal Government to protect the environment?  
(b) Consider the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*. In your opinion does this Act properly reflect the responsibilities of our National Government to environmental protection? What reforms to this Act do you think are needed?
  
6. Discuss at least 4 ways that existing environmental legislation is inadequate to protect the environment using examples from legislation and real life to illustrate your points. Offer and justify solutions to the inadequacies you have raised.

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