

**Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate**

**To:** Minister for Climate Change, Environment,  
Energy and Water

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**Date:** 16/04/2025

**From:** Executive Group Manager, Climate Change, Energy and Water

**Subject:** The right to a healthy environment under the *Human Rights Act 2004*

**Critical Date:** 22/04/2025

**Critical Reason:** To provide timely advice and inform policy development.

**Recommendations**

That you note:

1. the ACT Government is required to progressively realise the right to a healthy environment in the development of all new policies and legislation and
2. how this right may interact with any future decisions regarding existing climate and biodiversity policies and legislative instruments.

**Noted / Please Discuss**

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Minister's Feedback

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8. EPSDD is currently developing climate change and biodiversity policy to replace the ACT Climate Change Strategy 2019-25 and the Nature Conservation Strategy 2013-23. A review of the *Nature Conservation Act 2014* is also being finalised. The requirement to progressively realise the right to a healthy environment and ensure substantive and procedural elements of the Act are met will be considered in this policy development.

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