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WHAT IS CELRF?

The Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation is a non-profit charitable coalition of scientists, lawyers and citizens, dedicated to the protection of environmental quality through implementation of existing legal remedies and through development of legal reforms.

WHY CELRF?

Citizens' action groups have arisen all over Canada to battle the causes of pollution. Some have made substantial contributions to environmental quality, but all have often been frustrated by a seemingly inaccessible legal system and a lack of knowledge of those legal remedies that do exist to stop pollution.

CELRF is not just one more citizens' group. It does not duplicate activities of existing organizations.

CELRF will help existing action groups (e.g. Pollution Probe, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists) by dealing directly with the legal aspects of environmental quality.

CELRF will effect results through developing and encouraging legal remedies. Every possible kind of environmental problem, every possible

offender, private citizen or government, should be subject to legal sanction.

HOW

CELRF WORKS

1. THE LAW RESEARCH AND REFORM OFFICE WILL:

- Examine, compile and make available to the public and the legal community all legal materials relevant to environmental pollution.
- Execute and sponsor extensive studies of remedies and procedure with the aim of proposing legislative reforms respecting such environmental problem areas as
 - reviewing administrative decisions
 - class actions
 - corporate responsibility
 - standing to sue
- Sponsor conferences and other forms of interdisciplinary cooperation to deal with all aspects of environmental problems
- Provide speakers and organize seminars to educate and inform the public of available legal remedies
- Prepare periodical reports of cases dealing with environmental pollution
- Scrutinize and submit briefs in regard to governmental decisions and regulatory policies dealing with the environment

2. THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ADVISORY OFFICE WILL:

- Answer telephone enquiries regarding available

remedies respecting specific pollution problems

- Direct citizens to administrative agencies charged with responsibility regarding their complaints
- Work with individuals and citizens' groups in pursuing legal action when resort to government agencies is ineffective or inappropriate

THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

Private prosecutions and suits, either against the acts of individuals or governments, have been the hallmark of our political system. Enlightened legislation is often preceded by a history of litigation. Private litigation provides a check on government activities as well as a stimulus for enlightened government actions. Individual rights have been judically safeguarded by the availability of private litigation.

Whenever a particular complaint cannot be remedied through available procedures of government agencies, direct legal action will be encouraged by the Environmental Law Association, especially when such legal action can

- generate precedents for environmental law
- highlight the implications of certain government decisions
- stimulate government agencies inundated with routine work
- provide specific remedies for private and public wrongs

The Environmental Law Association is not a formal part of CELRF. However, research done by CELRF's Law Research and Reform Office, and problems arising through the CELRF Advisory Office will, when possible, be referred to the Association.

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MEMBERSHIP & CONTRIBUTIONS

All donations to CELRF are tax deductible. If you like what CELRF plans to do, please attach your donation (or request for more information) to the form below.

You can also share in the excitement of the action-oriented Environmental Law Association by becoming a member of ELA at \$¹⁰3.00 for students and \$⁴5.00 for adults.

Membership in ELA is not tax deductible, but a large membership in ELA will be an important illustration of public desire to protect our environment. The effectiveness of ELA's role in attacking environmental problems is directly related to the size of its membership.

Attached is my cheque payable to the Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation for \$_____, as a tax deductible donation. and/or

Attached is my cheque payable to the Environmental Law Association, for \$_____. Please put me on your membership list.

Name_____

Address_____

Occupation_____

Phone_____

Mail this form together with your cheque(s) to:
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401 Bay Street
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HOW CELRF IS RUN

CELRF is governed by a Board of Directors who are scientists, lawyers and persons from the community at large. From this Board an Executive Committee is selected to administer the Foundation's activities and to establish policy guidelines. All members of the Board of Directors are volunteers.

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