



Action for Change

A decade of study into cases of environmental pollution with associated health implications reveals that any legal redress is non-existent at worst, or the polluters are given a slap on the wrist by the unelected judges. Camelford, 1989, is a classic example of such an abuse of the rights of ordinary citizens.

Reference to the Human Rights Act 1998 is consistently and deliberately ignored by our courts. Ordinary citizens have no right to legal aid whilst a murderer, rapist, thief or even an illegal refugee has the right to legal aid and are often represented by Queen's Counsel. It seems every minority group's human rights are protected except ordinary members of the public.

It is refreshing to see comments by MPs on the Terrorism Bill that control should be in the hands of the elected Members of the Parliament. Other than a few individual Members of Parliament, the record of elected members is no better than the unelected judges.

In short there is no environmental justice and both the courts and Parliament lack transparency, consistency and accountability in protecting the general public and the environment. The Government, elected MPs and unelected judges often talk about the Precautionary Principle as a fashionable concept but rarely enforce it.

The Green Network working together with the Environmental Law Centre (ELC) sincerely believes we cannot leave this legacy for future generations to rectify. We hope you will support this petition calling for dedicated environmental courts to be established in the UK which are transparent, consistent and accountable and staffed by qualified experts with declared outside interest.

Please sign this petition and also assist us in writing to your MP and MEP.

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