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AUSTRALIA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND COMPLIANCE

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Australia’s environmental laws are notoriously complex, shaped by an intricate interplay of federal, state, and local regulations. Navigating this multifaceted system can present significant challenges for environmental leaders, with overlapping or even conflicting rules emerging across jurisdictions. Non-compliance with Australia’s stringent environmental laws can result in severe financial penalties, with fines reaching up to AUD 10 million for serious breaches under federal and state legislation.

This certified program will provide you with a thorough understanding of Australia’s environmental laws at both federal and state levels. You will explore key legislation, including the **Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act)**, the **Climate Change Act 2022**, the **National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007**, and **state-specific environmental regulations from New South Wales (NSW) and Victoria**. The program also highlights how the federal and state laws interact and the latest nature-positive reforms aimed at environmental protection.

Throughout the program, you will gain practical knowledge in **managing various environmental compliance aspects such as pollution control, waste regulation, contaminated land management, and water law**. You will also delve into the legal requirements for biodiversity conservation, examining the EPBC Act and recent reforms, including the Nature Repair Act 2023. Additionally, the program will focus on corporate environmental responsibilities, with a particular emphasis on director liability and risk management for environmental offences.

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This program will also address **the processes involved in development control and environmental impact assessments, guiding you through when and how assessments are required**, and the role of public participation in environmental decision-making. By the end of this program, you will have gained comprehensive insights into Australia’s environmental laws and compliance frameworks, enabling you to navigate complex legal requirements and implement effective environmental management strategies that mitigate risks and ensure adherence to regulations.

Upon successful completion of the program, you will attain the **Certification in Australia Environmental Law and Compliance**. This certification will amplify your professional qualifications and demonstrate your expertise in Australia environmental laws and your ability to create proper compliance frameworks that align with all relevant legislation and policies. Globally demanded and recognized, this industry-recognized certification holds lifelong validity and will offer a testament to your expertise and commitment to excellence in the environmental management field.

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KEY SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN

From This Program



**AUSTRALIA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL
LAWS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 1999 (EPBC
ACT)
NATURE POSITIVE REFORMS
CLIMATE CHANGE ACT 2022**

**NATIONAL GREENHOUSE AND ENERGY
REPORTING ACT 2007
AUSTRALIAN CARBON CREDIT UNITS SCHEME
ROLE OF THE EPA**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LICENSES
THE NATIONAL WASTE POLICY
STATE SPECIFIC WASTE REGULATION AND
POLICY
CONTAMINATED LAND MANAGEMENT ACT 1997
(NSW)**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT
ACT 1979 (NSW)**

YOUR FACULTY DIRECTOR



Breellen Warry

Award Winning Planning & Environmental Legal Expert

Breellen Warry is a highly accomplished lawyer with over 15 years of expertise in environmental, planning, natural resources, and development law. She is currently a **Partner at Maddocks**, where she specializes in complex environmental and public law issues, with a particular focus on biodiversity conservation, sustainability, corporate environmental management, and waste regulation.

Breellen's distinguished career includes her previous roles at Holding Redlich and Lander & Rogers, where she advised clients on regulatory compliance and environmental litigation. Her academic contributions include **lecturing in planning and environmental law at Western Sydney University School of Law** and **authoring the widely respected Thomson Reuters' Planning and Development Law Service**.

Recognized for her leadership in the field, **Breellen has been consistently named in the Doyle's Guide as a Leading Planning & Development Lawyer – New South Wales since 2020**, and has been listed in the **2021 and 2022 Editions of Best Lawyers for Planning and Environmental Law**. Breellen holds a Master of Law and Management from AGSM @ UNSW Business School and has been a long-standing volunteer with OzHarvest.

Her expertise and commitment to environmental law make her an invaluable leader in the Australia Environmental Law and Compliance program.

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PROGRAM AGENDA

MODULE 1 - OVERVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN AUSTRALIA

- Federal vs State Law
- Key Concepts in Environmental Law
- Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
- Nature Positive Reforms

MODULE 2 - CLIMATE CHANGE

- Australia's International Climate Change Obligations
- Climate Change Act 2022
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007
- Australian Carbon Credit Units Scheme

MODULE 3 - POLLUTION CONTROL

- How Pollution is Regulated Across Air, Water, Land and Noise
- The Role of the EPA
- Environmental Protection Licenses
- Regulator Tools
- Spotlight on NSW and Victoria

MODULE 4 - WASTE REGULATION

- The National Waste Policy
- Waste Regulation in NSW and Victoria

MODULE 5 - CONTAMINATED LAND

- How Contaminated Land is Regulated
- Liability (Polluter Pays Principle)
- Regulatory Tools

MODULE 6 - WATER LAW

- Water Act 2007 (Commonwealth)
- Water Regulation in NSW and Victoria

MODULE 7 - BIODIVERSITY

- EPBC Act and Recent Amendments
- Nature Repair Act 2023 (Cth)
- Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (NSW)

MODULE 8 - DIRECTOR LIABILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFENCES AND CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

- Liability for Directors
- Director Duties
- Managing Risk for Directors
- Due Diligence



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MODULE 9 - HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION

- Heritage Protection Under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
- State Heritage Protections

MODULE 10 - DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- When Environmental Impact Assessments Are Required
- The Process for an Assessment
- Public Participation
- Development Control and Environmental Impact Assessment in NSW, Victoria, and Queensland

MODULE 11 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND CHALLENGES TO ENVIRONMENTAL DECISIONS

- Rights of Appeal on Development Decisions and Judicial Review of Public Body Decisions

YOUR CHARTER DESIGNATION



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After successfully attending this program, you will be awarded with the **Certification in Australia Environmental Law and Compliance** that can be used in your resume, CV and other professional credentials. This certification is industry-recognized with lifelong validity. Globally demanded and recognized, this designation will help you distinguish your skillsets and you have attained expertise and critical knowledge in environmental compliance and law. This program is developed by **Chartered Institute of Professional Certifications** and the content of this program has been certified by CPD Certification Service as conforming to continuing professional principals.

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