



3) Professional Development

FELA promotes effective implementation of environmental law by providing legal and technical training for lawyers, consultants, and other professionals. Legal Practitioners attending FELA seminars are eligible for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) points, subject to Board of Legal Education approval.

4) Policy and Law Reform

FELA is committed to engaging actively in policy and law reform processes to promote improved environmental outcomes. The experience and expertise of ELA's members- including prominent lawyers, scientists, and conservationists, provide a firm foundation for constructive, informed engagement in national policy processes. We assist with legal advice, research, drafting and review of submissions on government proposals, reviews of legislation and proactive policy work.

Meet Our People



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Introduction

Fiji Environmental Law Association aims to promote sustainable resource management and the protection of Fiji's environment through law. FELA is dedicated to advancing sustainable resource management and protecting Fiji's environment through legal advocacy.

Founded to address pressing environmental challenges, FELA works to strengthen legislation, promote conservation, and empower stakeholders across sectors. By fostering partnerships and promoting legal expertise, FELA aims to ensure a resilient and thriving environment for Fiji and its people.

Mission

To protect Fiji's environment and promote sustainable natural resources management through and effective framework that encompasses Fiji's development needs considering the nations institutional, financial and human resources restrictions.



- Environment Impact Assessment and Pollution Control.
- Enforcement of the Environmental Management Act 2005
- Community- based natural resources management and the law.
- Public Interest Environmental law in Papua New Guinea.

2) Legal and Scientific Assistance

Examples of the type of assistance that ELA may provide include:

- Providing legal advice on local environmental issues.
- Providing legal advice on national law reform issues
- Providing advice on scientific or technical matters Referral to an ELA member for legal or scientific advice.
- Referral to another appropriate organisation or agency
- Writing letters to government agencies on behalf of clients.

Background

The first public meeting of the Environmental Law Association was held in June 2008. The meeting was attended by 30 Lawyers, conservationists and academics who resolved to establish an independent association that aims to protect the environment and promote sustainable neutral resource management through law.

More than 100 lawyers and conservationists have participated in meetings of the association and a core of experienced professionals have committed to supporting the activities of the association.

1) Community and Legal Education

Fiji Environmental Law Association organises public seminars and community workshops on environmental law. Examples of topics covered in pervious ELA seminars and workshops include:

- Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR)
- Environmental litigation; risks and opportunities

