

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
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Senator McKim, Nick asked:

Does the government still intend to pursue the repeal of s.487 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, which would effectively remove the automatic right of appeal for ENGOs?

Answer:

The Government is currently considering legislative options to ensure that the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* continues to protect the rights of parties affected by decisions, while discouraging the use of the courts solely to disrupt or delay development.