

## Civil Law Policies – Public interest environment matters

Legal Aid NSW is required to make a number of short, medium and long term decisions to meet the savings targets announced in the State Budget. For this reason the Board has put measures in place so that Legal Aid NSW is able to meet its savings obligations for not only this financial year, but for the years ahead. One of these measures includes expanding the list of matters for which legal aid is not available under the civil law policies.

### Background

Currently under [Policy 6.13](#) legal aid is available for public interest environment matters where the activity or proposed activity raises a matter of substantial public concern about the environment.

The Legal Aid NSW Board determined at its April meeting that aid would no longer be available for these types of matters.

### Where do I find the changes?

See [Chapter 6](#) of Policy Online for the relevant changes.

### Commencement date

The changes are effective for determinations of applications made on or after 1 July 2013.