

**A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE RIGHT TO CLEAN ENVIRONMENT IN TERMS OF
THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTITUTION**

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ABSTRACT

This study focuses on the right of “everyone to have access to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being; and to have the environment protected, for the benefit of present and future generations, through reasonable legislative and other measures that prevent pollution and ecological degradation, promote conservation and secure ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources while promoting justifiable economic and social development”. This study discusses the government policies, domestic legislations and international law.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DME	Department of Minerals and Energy
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMP	Environmental Management Programme
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development.
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act
NWA	National water Act
DWAF	Department of Water Affairs
DEAT	Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
SADC	South African Development Community.
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo.
RSA	Republic South Africa.
SAHRC	South African Human Rights Commission.
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme.
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.
WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development.
UN	United Nations
UNCED	United Nations of the Conference on Environment and Development
NGOS	Non – Governmental Organisations.
RDP	Reconstruction Development Programme.

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