

# Environmental Legal Assistance (ELA) Fund

## FINAL REPORT FORM

This form provides the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) with information about the outcome of your case, and feedback to help ensure the fund is working well and achieving its purposes.

Please complete and return this form to the Ministry for the Environment **with a copy of the court judgement** once a decision has been reached on your case. Thank you.

### 1. Deed Details

Name of group:	
MfE Reference Number No:	AF-EL-..... OR 20-05-04.....
Contract number:	
Proceedings:	
Name and contact details of person completing form:	
Region the case/board of inquiry relates to	<input type="checkbox"/> Northland <input type="checkbox"/> Wellington <input type="checkbox"/> Auckland <input type="checkbox"/> Tasman <input type="checkbox"/> Waikato <input type="checkbox"/> Nelson <input type="checkbox"/> Bay of Plenty <input type="checkbox"/> Marlborough <input type="checkbox"/> Gisborne <input type="checkbox"/> West Coast <input type="checkbox"/> Hawke's Bay <input type="checkbox"/> Canterbury <input type="checkbox"/> Taranaki <input type="checkbox"/> Otago <input type="checkbox"/> Manawatu-Wanganui <input type="checkbox"/> Southland

### 2. Funding Summary

a. ELA grant amount approved	\$	(ex GST)
b. Amount of ELA grant spent	\$	(ex GST)
c. Final total costs of group's case	\$	(ex GST / incl GST)
Who did your group receive funding for?	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer/s <input type="checkbox"/> Expert witness/es <input type="checkbox"/> Both	
Approximately what proportion of the case costs did ELA funding cover?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-49% <input type="checkbox"/> 50-74% <input type="checkbox"/> 75-100%	
Did legal counsel or witnesses provide discounted rates or work pro-bono?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were actual costs greater, less than or the same as quoted/estimated costs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Greater <input type="checkbox"/> Less <input type="checkbox"/> The same	

If there was a funding shortfall how did you meet it?

### 3. The Case/Board of Inquiry

a. Was your case successful?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Partly successful
b. Did you participate in mediation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If so, was mediation successful in resolving the issues?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Partly successful
If mediation was only partly successful, describe the issues that were resolved and which issues were not resolved and why.			
c. Did the Judge or Commissioners make any comments about the conduct of your case either in court or in their decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, what were their comments? (Please make reference to the judgement if appropriate.)			
d. In broad terms, did the main outcomes of the case relate to any of the following:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Decreasing New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions			
<input type="checkbox"/> Improved quality, flow and availability of fresh water			
<input type="checkbox"/> Improved management of environmental effects and allocation of resources within environmental limits			
<input type="checkbox"/> Recognition of Māori values			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced harm from natural, chemical and biological hazards and from waste			
<input type="checkbox"/> Achieving better solutions to environmental problems by supporting community involvement and action			
<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above			
e. Please outline any environmental gains (for example, the importance of the issues, the communities and stakeholders who benefited and how they benefitted, identify any case law development, etc.).			
f. Collaboration			
i) Did you share resources/evidence with other parties?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
ii) If so, was this a beneficial approach?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Any comments:			

<p>g. Award of Costs</p> <p>i) Were costs sought against you?</p> <p>ii) Were costs awarded against you?</p> <p>iii) Did you seek costs? If so, were you successful?</p> <p>h. <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm a copy of the judgment is attached</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td style="width: 33%;">How much: \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td>How much: \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td>How much: \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td>How much: \$ _____</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	How much: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	How much: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	How much: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	How much: \$ _____
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#### 4. Assistance Provided by ELA Funding

<p>a. How did the funding make a difference to your case? Tick more than one box if applicable.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No difference in how the case proceeded</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enabled the case to proceed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enabled the use of legal counsel or an expert witness</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improved the quality of legal counsel or expert witness engaged</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enabled more preparatory work or greater involvement from legal counsel/expert witness</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prompted collaboration/sharing of resources or evidence with other parties</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other – Please explain:</p>	<p>b. If the level of funding available from the ELA Fund had been higher, what difference would this have made to the way you ran your case? Tick more than one box if applicable.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No difference in how the case proceeded</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enable the use of legal counsel or an expert witness</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improve the quality of legal counsel or expert witness engaged</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enable more preparatory work or greater involvement of legal counsel/expert witness</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce the need to collaborate/share resources or evidence with other parties</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other – Please explain:</p>
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#### 5. Feedback on the Environmental Legal Assistance Fund processes

Please provide feedback on how you have found the Environmental Legal Assistance Fund's processes. Highlight the number corresponding with the extent to which you agree with each statement.					
	<i>Very poor</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Very good</i>
How do you rate the Environmental Legal Assistance Fund processes? (Consider the frequency of funding rounds and the usability of the application form and Guide to Applicants).	1	2	3	4	5
Comment					

How do you rate the timeliness of the Ministry in relation to the Environmental Legal Assistance Fund (eg. processing of applications and timing for notification of outcomes).	1	2	3	4	5
Comment					
How do you rate the helpfulness of Ministry staff?	1	2	3	4	5
Comment					
Do you have any other feedback or recommendations on how the Ministry for the Environment can improve the Environmental Legal Assistance Fund?					