

Federal Environmental Bill of Rights

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada recognizes all Canadians have a right to a healthy environment;

WHEREAS 92% of United Nations member nations (177 of 192) recognize a legal right to a healthy environment and Canada is not one of them;

WHEREAS the governments of Quebec, Ontario, Northwest Territories, and Yukon have legislation protecting their citizens' right to a healthy environment and the Government of Manitoba has committed pass the same in 2016;

WHEREAS 117 municipal governments, including Kingston, have passed declarations recognizing the right to a healthy environment;

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of Canada believes that the level of protection given to the environment by the federal government should progressively increase;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada pass or support a law similar in substance and form to [*Bill C-634 – An Act to establish a Canadian Environmental Bill of Rights*](#);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for further clarity, this law will enshrine Canadians' right to:

- Breathe clean air
- Drink clean water
- Consume safe food
- Access nature
- Know about pollutants and contaminants released into the local environment
- Participate in decision-making that will affect the environment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development will be empowered to investigate infringements of environmental rights and receive petitions calling for review of federal environmental laws;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this law will enshrine the federal government's public trust duty to protect the environment within its jurisdiction.

Kingston and the Islands Federal Liberal Association