



Environmental Law

Case Study: Bylong Valley & The Drip

UNIT OVERVIEW

This program investigates the effectiveness of legal and non-legal measures in promoting global environmental protection, exploring both The Drip Gorge, Goulburn River National Park and the Bylong Valley as local case studies. By studying these key natural heritage features within the Mid-Western Regional Council Area, students explore the responses to global environmental protection as well as the contemporary issues concerning these locations.

OUTCOMES

- H1** identifies and applies legal concepts and terminology
- H2** describes and explains the key features of and relationship between Australian and international law
- H3** analyses the operation of domestic and international legal systems
- H4** evaluates the effectiveness of the legal system in addressing issues
- H5** explains the role of the law in encouraging cooperation and resolving conflict as well as initiating and responding to change
- H6** assesses the nature of the interrelationship between the legal system and society
- H7** evaluates the effectiveness of the law in achieving justice
- H8** locates, selects, organises, synthesises and analyses legal information from a variety of sources including legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents
- H9** communicates legal information using well-structured responses
- H10** analyses differing perspectives and interpretations of legal information and issues.

FILEDWORK SITES

- The Drip Gorge – Goulburn River NP
- Bylong Valley



Case Study – Program Outline

Students undertake a range of activities pre-, post and during the excursion to learn about the environmental protection actions of specific community groups and legal organisations.

PRE- AND POST- MATERIALS

Schools will be supported prior to undertaking fieldwork with high quality teaching and learning activities to be completed prior to the site excursion. Students will develop an understanding of the legal cases existing for both The Drip and Bylong Valley. Suggested assessment tasks to be completed at the conclusion of the study will also be provided.

MEET THE ENVIRONMENTALIST:

Case Study Overview and Q & A

Students will meet representatives from the Mudgee District Environment Group (MDEG) and the Bylong Valley Protection Alliance (BVPA), who will provide insight into the past, present and future legal implications for their environmental protection efforts. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss key issues.

SITE OBSERVATIONS

Students engage with topographical and digital maps to locate and record key features, study sites and travel routes.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL ASSESSMENTS

Students tour key study sites and engage with a range of field procedures and equipment to investigate, explore and assess the quality of the environment at each study site. Activities include water quality testing and cultural heritage assessments.

For bookings or further enquiries about this program, please contact Red Hill Environmental Education Centre on 02 6374 2558 or redhill-e.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

