

ESS Strategy: **2026 – 2031**

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Who we are

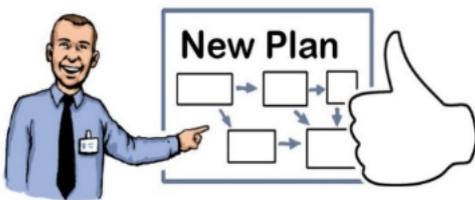
**ENVIRONMENTAL
Standards Scotland**
Ìrean Àrainneachdail na h-Alba

Environmental Standards Scotland is a public body that makes its own decisions. We make sure public bodies in Scotland, like local councils and the Scottish Government, follow **environmental laws**.



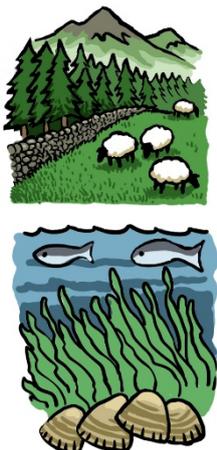
Environmental laws are rules that protect nature and the environment. We look at how well these laws work.

Our plan



We have published a new plan. This plan sets out the way we will work for the next 5 years.

We will work on 4 main areas:



- Climate change
- nature
- water
- resources



We will listen to people and organisations if they think an environmental law has been broken. If the law has been broken or could be made better we will look into it.



We will:



- make our own decisions and be trusted

- look at the evidence

- be open and clear

- speak with lots of different groups

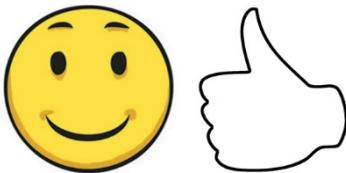
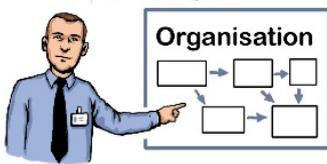


- fix problems by coming to an agreement with the public body



- focus on where we can make the biggest difference

Our goals

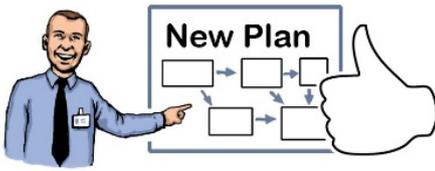


We want to:

- make sure public bodies in Scotland follow the rules of environmental law and do things better
- look into the most important issues people have about environmental law and find out what is going on
- look at facts about how the environment is doing
- work well with people and other groups and share information clearly
- run our organisation well so we can do a good job



We will work out if we have met our goals. We will explain how the environment might change because of our work.



This plan will help us get the future we want for Scotland and for Scotland's environment.



We want public bodies to do their jobs well. We want people and nature in Scotland to enjoy a clean and healthy environment. This will happen when environmental laws are followed.



All our work is on our website. Please visit our website to find out more:

<https://environmentalstandards.scot>

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