ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES
INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 122 (ESS122)

TASK 1 FOR 2011

TASK:

Please answer the following questions:

1. There are two principles that are considered to be ‘distinctive’ of environmental law. Which are these and why are they considered to be ‘distinctive’? [5]

2. What is the content of the ‘Right to the environment’ in section 24 of the Constitution of South Africa? Do you think that this right contributes to the general protection of the environment in South Africa? [10]

3. Section 2(4)(a) of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 list a number of factors that need to be considered in the pursuance of sustainable development. List these factors and say why, in your view, they are so important. [10]

Total: 25

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is a ‘take home’ task. Students may perform it in their own time and according to their own routines.

Answers must all together not exceed 5 typed pages of white A4 sized paper. Answers must be typed in 12 point Arial or Times New Roman font with 1.5 line spacing. The pages must be stapled together in the top left-hand corner only. All answers must contain the following information on the first page:

- Name and student number of the student
- Degree registered for and year of study
- Name of the module (ESS 122: Introduction to environmental law)

Submission date: Friday 23 September 2011 before 13:00. Late submissions will be penalised with a deduction of 5% per day late. Answers must be handed to Mr Chimango Hara (your lecturer for week 3) who will submit them to Professor Van Reenen.

Professor TP van Reenen (Module coordinator)
14 September 2011