# Major pieces of the Queensland environmental legal system

## International Law

- Biodiversity Convention 1992
- CITES 1973
- International Whaling Convention 1948
- MARPOL 73/78
- UN Framework Convention on Climate Change 1992
- Ramsar Convention 1971
- UNCLOS 1982
- Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer 1985
- World Heritage Convention 1972

## Commonwealth Law

Commonwealth Constitution (especially s 51(xxix) (External Affairs))

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth)
- Airports Act 1996 (Cth)
- Energy Efficiency Act 2006 (Cth)
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)
- Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981 (Cth)
- Fisheries Management Act 1991 (Cth)
- Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000 (Cth)
- Gene Technology Act 2000 (Cth)
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975 (Cth)
- Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989 (Cth)
- Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976 (Cth)
- National Environment Protection Council Act 1994 (Cth)
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 (Cth)
- Offshore Minerals Act 1994 (Cth)
- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006 (Cth)
- Ozone Protection Act 1989 (Cth)
- Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983 (Cth)
- Protection of Moveable Cultural Heritage Act 1986 (Cth)
- Quarantine Act 1908 (Cth)
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000 (Cth)
- Sea Installations Act 1987 (Cth)
- Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984 (Cth)
- Water Act 2007 (Cth)

## Queensland Law

Constitution Act 1867 (Qld), Constitutional Powers (State Waters) Act 1980, and Constitution of Queensland 2001 (Qld)

- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)
- Biodiscovery Act 2004 (Qld)
- Biological Control Act 1987 (Qld)
- Clean Energy Act 2008 (Qld)
- Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995 (Qld)
- Electricity Act 1994 (Qld)
- Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)
- Fisheries Act 1994 (Qld)
- Forestry Act 1959 (Qld)
- Gene Technology Act 2001 (Qld)
- Geothermal Energy Act Act 2010 (Qld)
- Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2009 (Qld)
- Land Act 1994 (Qld)
- Land Protection (Pest & Stock Route Management) Act 2002 (Qld)
- Local Government Act 1993 (Qld)
- Marine Parks Act 2004 (Qld)
- Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)
- Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld)
- Nuclear Facilities Prohibition Act 2007 (Qld)
- Offshore Minerals Act 1998 (Qld)
- Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld)
- Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982 (Qld)
- Plant Protection Act 1989 (Qld)
- Public Health Act 2005 (Qld)
- Queensland Heritage Act 1992 (Qld)
- Recreation Areas Management Act 2006 (Qld)
- Soil Conservation Act 1986 (Qld)
- State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld)
- Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (Qld)
- Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 (Qld)
- Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995 (Qld)
- Vegetation Management Act 1999 (Qld)
- Water Act 2000 (Qld)
- Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection & Management Act 1993 (Qld)
- Wild Rivers Act 2005 (Qld)

## The Common Law (including native title)

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