

CORE VALUES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

FIVE CORE VALUES GOVERN THE BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE OF ALL COURT STAFF

Independence

As a superior court of record charged with a constitutional and statutory duty to adjudicate over applications (with respect to specific matters related to the regimes created by the various pieces of subsidiary legislation under the Environmental Management Act) and appeals (against certain decisions of the Environmental Management Authority) the Court discharges its judicial mandate in accordance with the law and the doctrine of separation of powers.

Fairness

The Court maintains a fair and reliable judicial process, and procedures which adhere to all relevant laws, rules of procedure and established policies.

Integrity

The Court, in its judicial and administrative capacities, is guided by principles of integrity. The Court decides each case on its own merits and only upon legally relevant considerations including technical and scientific factors.

The administration of the Court is conducted in accordance with the highest standards of accountability and

transparency. In this regard the Court is administered in a manner that seeks to utilise responsibly and to account for the public funds for the operations of the Court. To this end the Court continues to be guided by the financial, regulations, instructions and other directives issued by government.

The Chairman, Members and officers of the Court, in all aspects of their duties, conduct themselves ethically and in a manner that is above reproach in accordance with the highest standards of Judicial Office, Court Administration and the Public Service.

Accountability

While observing the principle of comity in its relations with the Executive and Legislature, the Court will clarify, promote and institutionalise effective working relationships with the other arms of State. The Court will responsibly seek, utilise and account for the public funds and other public resources with which it is entrusted.

Quality Service

The Court is client focused and delivers an effective, prompt, impartial and efficient system of resolving matters falling within its jurisdiction through litigation or Alternative Dispute Resolution.