



# Have your say on the National Environmental Programme

We'd like to hear your ideas as input for the National Environmental Programme (NMP). From Wednesday 24 August 2022 until Tuesday 4 October 2022 you will have an opportunity to respond to the initial outline of the National Environmental Programme. To find out how, read on.

### What is the National Environmental Programme about?

The National Environmental Programme will set out the government's long-term strategy for delivering a living environment that is healthy, clean, and safe, with negligible environmental risks in 2050.

The task of formulating the NMP can be broken down into three main challenges:

### - Vital Ecosystems

We owe our very existence to vital ecosystems. We must safeguard the quality of our soil, water, and air if we wish to create a healthy living environment.

### - Healthy Living Environment

Our activities affect the quality of our living environment. We live, work, relax and travel in that living environment.

### - Sustainable, Circular Economy

As we transition to a sustainable and circular economy, we want to minimise the disruptive impact of these activities on our living environment.

### **Strategic Environmental Assessment**

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) will be used to compare potential alternative policy options. This will help to identify impacts on the environment and the economy, as well as other impacts on our living environment. Based on our understanding of these impacts, policy options will then be selected for inclusion in the NMP. The first step of the SEA involves the Memorandum on Scope and Level of Detail (NRD). The NRD describes what the main environmental policy challenges are, how they are to be fleshed out, and how any potential impacts are to be identified.

# Opportunities to participate in the preparation of the National Environmental Programme

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management cannot design and flesh out the NMP by itself. The Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management cooperates with various government bodies and other organisations, companies, and scientific institutions. Giving a response to these document is the first official opportunity to participate. It will be followed by further consultation rounds for members of the public and parties involved in the NMP. The details are set out in the participation plan.

# What input do we need from you right now?

You can submit your views on the NRD and the National Environmental Programme participation plan. Please address the following questions in your response:

- Are there any other environmental challenges that you would like to see included?
- Do you have any points of concern with regard to the National Environmental Programme?
- Do you agree with the plans for the participation process?



### DO YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION?

You can find out more at www.platformparticipatie.nl/nationaalmilieuprogramma. Or scan:

This site contains information about:

- The programme's contents.
- How and where you can inspect the relevant documents.
- The timetable for the programme.
- How the responses to your views will be communicatied.
- You can email your views to info@platformparticipatie.nl.



### **DIGITAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION POINT**

The government wants everyone to be able to take part. Some people are better at using computers than others. This is why Digital Government Information Points were created. You can find them in public libraries. It's easy to pop in and get answers to your questions about government websites. About reading online documents related to this project for instance. Ask at your local library. You can find more at www.informatiepuntdigitaleoverheid.nl.

#### TAKING PART IN AN INFORMATION SESSION

We will be holding several information sessions in September. You can take part online. We will publish details of the dates on our website: www.nationaalmilieuprogramma.nl.

# **ANY QUESTIONS?**

You will have an opportunity to ask questions at one of the information sessions in September. In the meantime you can contact us by clicking bel mij terug (call me) at www.platformparticipatie.nl/nationaalmilieuprogramma or by calling +31 (0)70 456 96 07.