The Cost of Achieving Environmental Justice

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Action on Aarhus

• Aarhus Compliance Complaints Committee
  o ACCC/C/2013/C85
• Meeting of the Parties
  o Decision V/9n
• European Commission
  o Commission v UK
• Consultations/Lobbying
Costs Protection in Environmental Claims
Restrictions on Judicial Review
Funding

• Legal Aid
• Costs cap
• Conditional fee agreement
• Private funding
• Pro bono/ reduced fee
• Crowdfunding
What could it look like?
Inspiration

“If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a room with a mosquito”

African proverb/ Dalai Lama XIV