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| *Innovation in policy and practice presentation* **Earth law for planetary health: The earth needs a good lawyer** |
| **Problem**Law is needed to address climate change effectively. But current legal frameworks in environmental law, internationally and in all national states, have done little to counter climate change or halt environmental degradation. **Intervention**New visions for environmental law are needed. We focus on two examples of new thinking in environmental law which should be integrated in health promotion. The first, ‘earth jurisprudence’, is an earth-centred perspective whose foundations include law. Earth jurisprudence also goes beyond law in recognising the need for many disciplines. From the perspective of earth jurisprudence, human law should be designed for global wellbeing, ensuring that human activities fit within planetary boundaries, ecological limits and the productive capacity of the natural world. Earth jurisprudence as a way of thinking has established itself in a number of countries and international organisations. These include the Australian Earth Laws Alliance, a founding member of the [Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature](http://therightsofnature.org/). Other members include those from South America, North America, EnAct in Africa, and the Gaia Foundation and WildLaw UK in Europe.Aspects of earth jurisprudence have emerged in Aotearoa New Zealand with recognition of legal personhood for the Whanganui River and Te Urewera National Park, and in India with legal personhood for the Ganges River.A second approach focuses on the importance of new governance ideas that are needed to implement effective environmental law based on ecocentrism intra/intergenerational and inter-species justice, as advocated by the Ecological Law & Governance Association (ELGA).**Outcomes**The ELGA Manifesto calls for environmental law scholars to become ‘eco-literate’. This presentation argues that eco-literacy should not be confined to lawyers. Health promoters also need to integrate into their practice and advocacy eco-literacy and awareness of the significance of law as a means for achieving ecological wellbeing.**Implications for health promotion**Knowledge among health promoters of concepts of earth jurisprudence, eco-literacy, and the importance of law as a basis for ecological governance, will improve their effective advocacy for planetary and environmental wellbeing. Such knowledge will also enable effective links to be formed between health and legal practitioners for common purposes. |