

World's largest carbon producers face landmark human rights case

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Filipino government body gives 47 'carbon majors' 45 days to respond to allegations of human rights violations resulting from climate change

The world's largest oil, coal, cement and mining companies have been given 45 days to respond to a complaint that their greenhouse gas emissions have violated the human rights of millions of people living in the Philippines.

In a potential landmark legal case, the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHR), a constitutional body with the power to investigate human rights violations, has sent 47 "carbon majors" including Shell, BP, Chevron, BHP Billiton and Anglo American, [a 60-page document](#) accusing them of breaching people's fundamental rights to "life, food, water, sanitation, adequate housing, and to self determination".

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