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**Submission to the Not-for-profit Sector Tax Concession Working Group's discussion paper,
*Fairer, simpler and more effective tax concessions for the not-for-profit sector***

The National Parks Association of NSW Inc writes to encourage the Working Group's consideration of tax concessions and reforms which will assist the further protection of Australia's unique flora and fauna on private land through increased philanthropic activity.

This brief submission assumes the case for enhanced protection of Australia's natural environment. That case is amply made in the **Independent report to the Australian Government Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, *Australia State of the Environment (2011)***.

Acting in the nation's interests, there are now dozens of organisations, along with countless individuals including thousands of primary producers across Australia that are dedicated to long-term stewardship of land for nature conservation and the provision of sustainable environments. Approaches range from property-based management activities with no formal agreements, to the management of land through a legal covenant, to the acquisition and management of land specifically for the purpose of nature conservation.

These approaches need support, and with that support the public benefit would be greatly enhanced.

We can provide NSW case studies that support this contention and will be happy to contribute further to the Working Group's consideration of these matters.

Yours Sincerely



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