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To Whom it May Concern

I am deeply worried to hear that the Federal Government is considering the imposition of a requirement on environmental charities that 50% of their funds be expended on remediation work. Such government interference has no place in the kind of democratic society we say and believe we are.

People such as myself who contribute to environmental organisations do so for a range of reasons: remediation is but one of those. Those of us who donate are clear about the priorities of an organisation, and donate to those which support our views on what actions need to be taken to protect the environment of this country.

At least as important as remediation, are activities that prevent damage in the first place. Advocacy to change policies and outcomes which are harmful to the environment are of paramount importance. Any person who has been involved in remediation work is all too aware that the natural environment can never be restored to its original state once it has been harmed, no matter how much remediation work takes place.

I strongly oppose any attempt by government to dictate how environmental organisations should spend their donated funds. It is undemocratic and will undermine the important work so many environmental organisations engage in to help safeguard the environmental future of Australia, for all Australians.

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