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Dear Sir/Madam

I provide the following comments on the paper 'Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Opportunities', with a specific focus on the the following issue:

*Stakeholders' views are sought on requiring environmental organisations to commit no less than 25 per cent of their annual expenditure from their public fund to environmental remediation, and whether a higher limit, such as 50 per cent, should be considered? In particular, what are the potential benefits and the potential regulatory burden? How could the proposal be implemented to minimise the regulatory burden?*

I do not suport the proposal to proscribe any proportion of public funds provided to environmental organisations be committed to 'environmental remediation'. The environment is a public good and it is essential that the community, through the various environmental NGOs, is able to advocate for its protection and sustainable management, as well as contribute to direct environmental management.

The corporate sector is disproportionately resourced to advocate for its interests, often at the detriment of the environment and environmental amenity. Increasingly, the Government sector is proving deficient in environmental policy, regulation and reporting, making the work of environmental NGOs more important. It appears highly partisan to single out environmental EGOs for this proposal given the significant advocacy and lobbying activities of business and related groups receiving public funds.

Thank you for considering this submission and I look forward to your response to the issues raised.

Yours faithfully

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