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Dear sir/madam,

I would like to voice my opposition to any legislative move to impose any restriction on Environmental Charities on how and what they do in promoting environmental causes.

I don't mean to state the obvious but the major environmental damage in Australia is committed by the various governments in the name of "progress" and to in any way restrict the methods used by charities in bringing that damage to the notice of the public would be a direct attack on at least one of the freedoms purportedly enjoyed by Australians.

Such legislative action could unnecessarily complicate the political process as for instance the charities could be reformed under various names and or form particular political parties such as "Liberals for the Environment" or "Labour for the Environment".

Now contemplate that the Government not only allowing a tax deduction for an environment group but actually possibly subsidizing them due to percentage of votes gained.

I am quite sure it would financially strengthen the Green Party as it would be able to receive donations on behalf of other groups and then distribute to environmental groups.

Yours,

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