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To whom it may concern -

I read of the suggestion that a percentage of deductible gifts to environmental organisations should be used to rectify actual environmental damage.

We rely on environmental organisations to alert us in a timely fashion where they see possibility of environmental harm - pre-warning us all where possible. If damage is already done we need them to expose this, clearly and fairly bringing the issues to our attention and to advocate on our behalf.

It's not the job of an environmental organisation to repair damage - that's ludicrous. It's a no-brainer that whoever causes damage or destruction must repair it. I watch as the taxpayer must pay for remediation work as tree clearing causes massive washaways flooding soil out onto the reef - or filthy tailings dams poisoning water all the way downstream - the mining company gone but total wreckage left behind....either for the government to remedy or the environment just left in poisonous disarray. Surely a disaster for local Aboriginal people too.

It's the job of the appropriate government body to secure a bond to ensure clean-ups are completed - secured prior to work commencing! **Enough** bond so that it's not left to the taxpayer to clean up the mess after (eg) corporate vandalism.

Money donated to environmental organisations should only be used to research, investigate and notify the public and the government of issues needing fuller investigation or remedy. These bodies are essential advocates for all of us.

It seems to me that the ATO is seeking to gag or halt the vital work of environmental organisations. Without them these issues would often be effectively hidden from the general public (and sometimes the government) and simply swept under the carpet.

I wish to make my point that I am wholeheartedly against the proposal of imposing any costs of environmental rectification onto environmental organisations.

Yours sincerely
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