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I wish to make a submission regarding the consultation paper which proposes potential reforms to Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) tax arrangements.

As a tax payer I can support various charities and receive tax deductions accordingly. This applies to me whether I choose 'World Vision', the 'National Football League Foundation' or 'Market Forces'. As all are charities, they legally should be treated exactly the same, which I am sure they currently are.

Asking an environmental charity to provide 'environment remediation' is the same as asking the 'National Football League Foundation' to mow the lawn or 'World Vision' to bath kids or sell condoms.

It is not only contradictory, as environmental organisations aren't the perpetrators of environmental damage, it also has nothing to do with the terms of the relevant charity. If you decide to change the terms of one kind of charity, then you have to change the terms of all charities. And I'd really like to see how various church and sport institutions will react to that!

The arbitrary repression and ideological bigotry of the current Government stands in stark contrast to the ideals of 'Liberalism' and lead to the destruction of our democracy and revokes our right to choose.

Sincerely,

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my belief that environmental DGRs are already subject to significant regulatory burden. Many of the issues raised in the discussion paper relate to increasing scrutiny, regulation and sanctions for these organisations, which is completely unjustified.

Organisations working on remediation, education, advocacy and other areas are all vitally important to protecting and enhancing our natural environment. Their activities must not be unnecessarily restricted or unfairly burdened.

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