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Subject: Free speech in Australia!
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To whom it may concern, it is a basic right of all Australians to enjoy free speech, and any attack on the rights of groups or individuals is an attack on democracy. It is most concerning that Federal government targets environmental groups in an effort to limit or dictate what these groups do, how they are run, or how they spend their budget.

Any attack on any group or individual is... well, I'll use the word un-Australian...and that's being politically correct.

Let the individual's voice be heard - without Big Brother-governmental interference.
That's our right and should always be.
kind regards,
David Metzenthén.

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Subject: Treasury Discussion Paper on Environmental Spending
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To whom it may concern,

I would hope that this concept of forcing environmental groups to spend money on things other than what they choose as being their main agenda is dropped, as it is anti-democratic and against all principles of Australian values.

I strongly object to my donations being at the beck and call of a government attempting to change the rules with no agenda but to disempower such charities as the Wilderness Society and Environment Victoria.

To that end, I ask you that the wilderness and Australia's environment must not suffer through this politically-motivated decision making.

My donated money should be spent on what I would like it spent on. That's how democracy works. Free speech must be protected.

yours etc
David Metzenthén.