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Dear discussion room,

I find it difficult to believe how, in a free country, this federal government thinks it is ok to tell a charity how to spend it's money.

If the charity acts in a way which the donor sees fit, then it is the right of the donor to donate to that charity for the purposes that charity choses.

Our environment would quickly lose ground if charities had to remediate damage done by environmental vandals, whilst government continued to encourage greater environmental damage. As seems to be the want of this present government.

Should not the cost of environmental degradation and remediation be on the perpetrator?

Clearly, the Government should be tightening environmental regulations and making environmental vandals accountable for the damage they do.

I make my living from the land and my livelihood depends on a clean, unpolluted, healthy environment with a stable climate. I maintain this as best I can at my own cost.

However. Actions of this government increasingly are impinging negatively on my ability to do so.

The only groups acting responsibly in many regards and certainly in my best interests are environmental advocacy groups.

I find moves to interfere with our freedoms and basic human needs in this way disgraceful and abhorrent.

Yours Sincerely, Ian Onley

