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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing a submission to your discussion paper to register my concern at the proposal for environmental charities to spend at least 50% of their money on remedial activities.

While this is important and necessary work, the proposal looks like it is designed to stifle environmental charities from doing other, very important work. It is more important to stop the destruction in the first place. This can be achieved through education and advocacy. Both parts are vital to save our environment from the wanton destruction that it has born over many years of unbridled exploitation.

I believe that the broader Australian community expects environmental groups to be the "conscience" of the community and speak up for the environment when business pushes for economic exploitation at all costs.

Another aspect is that as a democracy surely each organisation should be free to set its own agenda and mix of advocacy and remediation work without "big brother" dictating what Australians are allowed to do.

There are also many big environmental issues that can not be solely addressed through limiting groups work to remediation, such as climate change.

I am concerned that the thrust of this proposal is to stifle Australians and the general community that support saving our environment from further destruction.

Yours faithfully,

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