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**Subject:** Submission to remove DGR status for organisations conducting illegal disruption of industries under the guise of being about the environment  
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Ms/Sirs,

The primary purpose of DGR status for an environmental “charity” should be on a genuine basis of existing to protect the environment. It should not be available to people conducting illegal and unsafe protests that are conducted under the pretext of being about the environment.

These organisations must be forced to comply with our laws instead of being enabled to act as though they are “above the law”. Removal of their DGR status would introduce fairness to the situation.

I make the following points for your deliberation:

Taxpayers should not be subsidising organisations that conduct illegal protests such as anti-mining organisations.

All registered “environmental charities” should be reviewed annually to ensure they are abiding by the law.

DGR status should be compulsorily removed for any organisation that conducts an illegal protest.

Two organisations that should have their DGR status removed are Greenpeace and Lock the Gate.

These organisations conduct dangerous illegal actions such as locking themselves onto conveyor belts at coal loaders at our ports and marching onto the fenced private property of operating mines and damaging equipment. These stunts endanger themselves, mine workers and the emergency services personnel, such as police and rescue squads, who are called to the scene to remove the illegal protesters. In addition these stunts disrupt production and harms the national, state and local economies.

Greenpeace created a \$6.2 million fund to make court appeals against mining projects that have been approved by combined state and federal approval processes. The appeals are intended to disrupt and delay mining in a vindictive process under the guise of being about the environment.

regards,

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