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- Why should volunteer groups interested in the environment have to fix damage done by Big Business?
- The benefits of preserving forests, land, air and water quality for future generations outweighs temporary profits which the Australian Government generously takes very little royalties.
- Big Business has the funds to pay accountants to minimise tax paid as demonstrated by Kerry Packer not paying for 3 years. A lot of the big businesses pay more for accountants to minimise their taxes than they pay in taxes. Big Business has the funds to pay long drawn out court cases as demonstrated by McDonalds and Hardies. Most of various advocacy and charity groups are funded by people from the lower end of the pay scale. Many would not be able to increase donations to cover environmental mitigation costs or costs of increased annual reporting duties.
- Replacing forests, land and water areas after Big Business has finished with them is very difficult. The Australian bush is very slow to regenerate compared with New Zealand's, probably due to much less rain. Parts of the Grampians still look devastated 4 years after bushfires. Australian forests are hugely varied, even dryland areas originally had a large variety. Not all farmers are happy with the land returned to them by miners. How can the government restore water areas when it still allows sewerage to be pumped into the sea - glad I've never been swimming at Bondi. Unbelievable that a government has asked surfers to report when sewerage in the sea becomes unpleasant!
- Why, in a democratic country, is the government so scared of vocal opposition groups? If big business and development is so good then justify it to the electors.
- Many countries have different ways of doing things. Large parts of Costa Rica do not allow development within 250 metres of the beach. Why does Australia only copy the countries doing the worst things. Dominating groups capable of opposition is done in Russia, China and, as recently seen on "4 Corners" the middle east especially Saudi Arabia.

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