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To:  
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The Treasury  
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I wish to recommend the Australian Government and Treasury:

- Support a strong and efficient charity and DGR sector by maintaining existing taxation concessions for charities and donors;
- Reject the proposal that all environmental organisations must divert at least 25-50% of tax-deductible donations to 'environmental remediation works', and related limitations targeting environmental organisations;
- Continue to recognise the wide range of activities that contribute to local and systemic environmental outcomes in Australia and internationally – including environmental law and support services, advocacy, research, information, education, overseas capacity-building and local conservation work;
- Support the ACNC to assist and regulate all charities (and many DGRs); and
- Take opportunities for minor, well-planned changes to increase administrative efficiency and maintain the high level of public trust in DGRs and charities.

I fully support the submissions made to this process by BirdLife Australia and the NSW Environmental Defenders Office.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

Sincerely

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