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As a tax payer who regularly supports various environmental charities and many other charities. I am dismayed to see the proposal that these environmental groups must spend 50% of their funds on remediation of the environment. Some environmental groups no doubt have a remediation focus, however advocating to prevent environmental damage in the first instance is probably more important in the longer term.

I expect the environmental groups I support. to raise issues relevant to the environment, undertake and then present research into environmental issues, ensure the public are aware of and understand the ramifications of policies and their effect on the environment. I also expect them to lobby politicians and political parties on environmental issues and have a strong media presence. I believe that environmental issues such as degradation of our waterways, pollution, wildlife protection, sustainability, waste management and of course climate change are ultimately the most important issues facing us. These issues impact on every aspect of our lives and future on this planet. The public need to be constantly made aware of the impact of environmental issues on every aspect of our health and well being.

Environmental groups are certainly involved at various levels in environmental remediation but to say that this should constitute 50% of the role of every environmental charity is a ridiculous proposition. Environmental groups must do so much more than simply be involved in remediation

.Does the plan involve putting similar restrictions on other charities I support such as Breast Cancer Foundation World Vision or Heart Foundation? So they can no longer inform the public of issues but 50% of all their funds must go only into research rather than raising awareness, educating the public on prevention and supporting those with the disease. Why are only environmental charities singled out for such restrictions?

Environmental, charities are essential in ensuring that my grandchildren have a future on this planet. As a tax payer I am appalled at this crude attempt to reduce their influence and diminish their role.

Yours sincerely
Susan Bailey.