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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am concerned at present proposals to control the expenditure of donations made to environmental charities. As someone who makes such donations, it is obvious that it should be up to me to decide how I want my donations to be used. That should not be determined by some arbitrary rule. Most of the donations I make are made for specifically nominated advocacy purposes: that is my choice. The principal effect I can perceive, looking at the proposed legislation, would be to inhibit such donations, since, to make a donation effective for an advocacy purpose one would have to give twice as much. This is an intolerable abrogation of freedom, effectively a penalty for supporting advocacy. I hope that is not the intention.

I urge your earnest consideration,

Yours faithfully,

Melvyn Cann.