

From: [Gillian Collins](#)
To: [DGR Inbox](#)
Subject: DGR Submission
Date: Friday, 4 August 2017 11:29:52 AM

As a member of a number of environmental groups who have DGR status, some for 20+ years, I believe we must be allowed to work in the field of environmental policy on every level of government as well as continue our on-ground work.

It is heartbreaking to find ourselves remediating problems caused by poor public decision-making, particularly when we are watching our public environment departments being stripped of staff to do the work.

I am 73 years old, and it is my experience that most environmental groups doing on-ground works are 65 or older. I am personally thrilled to still be able to do this work, but I am often infuriated that it is not necessary. We are also watching many of our iconic Australian indigenous plants and animals disappear, and we represent a huge pool of informed decision makers who can, and will, assist our government in assuring that our natural heritage is properly taken care of. It belongs to all of us, and we all have the right to participate in its stewardship.

[Gillian Collins](#)
Secretary
Friends of the Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve

