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It is with a great deal of healthy scepticism that I write regarding the proposal to proscribe the advocacy activities of environmental charities. In the current political climate, where vested interests have ready access to our lawmakers environmental activism and advocacy is an essential requirement. One does not have to look too far to find the horrendous results of a laissez faire, business as usual approach to the exploitation of our precious resources. The slowly dying Great Barrier Reef, the Adani project, the mis-management and downright sabotage of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan for the sustainability of our great inland waterways illustrate how necessary these organisations are to inform the public of the misdeeds of governments and their cronies.

I support an assortment of environmental organisations, some of which do not have charitable status but I donate in the hope that their advocacy will raise awareness of environmental issues.

Increasingly we see governments world-wide narrowing the public's capacity to dissent, I see this as another means of limiting opposition to favoured government projects which will harm the environment.

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