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I write to strongly support Environment Charities in their role as advocates for well-considered environmental policies.

Good policy that considers all aspects of an issue and is informed by science and considered thought, will bring Australians the best outcomes.

This is so, in many areas and endeavours - in business and community life, and in government. As a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, I know the importance of diversity of opinion, and not being overcome by 'Groupthink', is very critical to the best outcomes in Company decision making ...and this should be the same process for all those representing everyday Australians in the development of legislation.

A proposal to restrict Environment Charities so that they spend a mandated portion of monies donated to them on 'on ground' works, is paternalistic and ill-informed.

Past policy errors have probably created the problems that then require 'remediation'!! Thus Government needs to take professional and informed advice from a diversity of views, to formulate the best policy on behalf of all Australians ...and it is perfectly acceptable for Australians to donate their own money to assist in advocacy and debate, to whomever they choose, in order to achieve good policy development.

I strongly support the status quo in regard to Environment Charities spending their income as they see fit.

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