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To whom it may concern,

If I wanted the government to tell me what to do with my donations to Environmental Charities then I would move to China, I believe there are no Environmental Charities there and the government tells people what they can and can't do, same as is happening here.

When I give an organisation of any kind, but in this instance an Environmental Charity, money I do so knowing they will use that money as THEY best see fit not the likes of Tony Abbott or Malcolm Turnbull or any of their cronies but the organisation I'm donating my precious money too.

These organisations will achieve the best outcomes for the particular environment they are dealing with at that present time and will use such things as on-ground remediation or advocacy or whatever is needed and don't need any scare tactics like restrictions and limitations placed on them.

I, like other caring members of any community expect that the environmental group I donate to will advocate strongly for the best outcomes possible for that project and not kow tow to some government that's trying to muscle in on them.

Instead of harassing environmental groups about how "they" will spend hard sought donations legislate to stop the damage being done in the first place by those land grabbing and destroying big conglomerates like Adani and their subsidiaries and cohorts then there wont be any cleaning up needed will there so the environmentalists will be able to do more with their donations.

Better Policies by the government of the day would be more efficient than waiting for environment damage to happen then procrastinating for years before doing anything about it by which time the cost is prohibitive and we who donate have to give more to remediate the mess.

Unfortunately climate change can't be stopped, I know you lot don't believe in it the good fairy is changing our environment, however that

which can have great environmental outcomes will certainly be limited if the ability of our environmental groups is stifled so they can't advocate on our behalf.

This Inquiry and Discussion Paper gives a false impression between the remediation and advocacy, and as often the groups involved in "on-ground" work need support via funding or policies from the government these generally only result after a ton of advocacy has happened.

I am not happy that you the government will allow big business to do its own thing while we the "ordinary" people, you know the "salt of the earth" people have to fight tooth and nail for our civil liberties like this to say we wont have our donations stolen by up coming Communists or Socialists, give us our right to donate freely back thanks.

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The Inquiry and discussion paper create a false dichotomy between remediation and advocacy. On-ground work often needs supporting policies or funding from government, which may only arise as a result of advocacy.

