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To whom it may concern,

I am alarmed to learn that the government is even considering limiting how environmental charities operate.

1. It sets a precedent on what charities can do and how they can operate. Having been involved with various charities in my life time by and large I think there are sufficient guidelines and operational procedures that charities need to abide by.
2. This action smells of a government targeting groups that challenge the actions of any group that they think does not support their policies. We need a robust democracy and therefore it is important that all its peoples voices are heard, not just the wealthy, big business and those who are privileged.
3. This action and various other actions the current government and other state governments have taken appears to me to be one of thinking that the environment is something, not to be protected for future generations on this planet, but to be exploited for short term gain, so therefore the idea is to target any organisation that supports long term environmental management of our environmental resources. We are very fortunate we still have some!

Yours sincerely
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