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Hi,

i am writing to register my objection to what appears to be a blatant attempt to 'hobble' environmental groups and interfere with their ability to pursue their core business of education and advocacy regarding the serious environmental issues that we all face. It is part of the democratic principle that citizens are actively involved in governance and indeed these NFP groups play an important role in maintaining the accountability of our government. The proposed curtailing of environmental group's ability to participate in the process flies in the face of what this country ostensibly stands for. The state of the Great Barrier Reef and the damage that has been done to our forests and native habitat rather speak for themselves as to the importance of these groups . To require that they spend 25% of their funding on mitigation of damage done in order to retain their DGR status is idiocy- the people who cause the damage in the first place would logically be the ones to make reparation .The glaringly obvious problem is that quite often, once it has occurred, the damage is not repairable. That this is a targetted attack on the efficacy of environmental groups is *too* obvious and i must say very ugly. The state of the worlds ecosystems is clear evidence of what happens when those who make their profits from exploiting the natural environment are free to self regulate and do as they please- this has pushed us to the brink of extinction to make a very few richer that they need to be. Education and advocacy are important roles for the necessary change that must take place if we are to have a habitable earth into the future, How about restricting those who are putting the strain on natural systems instead- the heavily subsidized extractive resource industries whose activities have given rise to the

Need for environmental groups in the first place?

yours sincerely,

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