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To Whom It May Concern:

I have returned from an overseas trip recently and must admit, I feel 'embarrassed' to be an Australian when the possibility of restricting environmental charity groups to how they can spend their tax deductible donations is looming. What is happening to this country????

I donate to various charities including some environmental groups and some not (The Lost Dogs Home, Environment Victoria, Peter Mac Cancer Research, Greenpeace, RSPCA, Australian Marine Conservation, Wildlife Victoria to name a few.) These groups should be able to spend the donations they receive as they see fit and in accordance with their donors' wishes.

Every organisation should be allowed to set their own priorities and assess how to best achieve them. As a contributor to various environmental groups, I expect them to be an advocate for our environment and in fact to help PREVENT environmental damage in the first place. This makes more sense than cleaning up after a mess, which can also be nearly impossible to do in some circumstances.

One of the biggest environmental challenges we ALL face is climate change. This can't be stopped simply with on-ground environmental remediation. For example, steps need to be taken to CHANGE our current course (and dependency on fossil fuels) and advocate for truly clean, renewable energy.

The discussion paper & Inquiry create a false dichotomy between remediation and advocacy. Can we please take a step to protect our planet for this and all future generations and not only make decisions made on greed and the present? If we as humans destroy the environment, we're done!

It would be FANTASTIC if Australia were a world leader in taking this steps!!

Thank you very much
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