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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a long time financial supporter of various environmental groups. I happily donate to these groups to assist them undertake their excellent work advocating for sensible economic and environmental policies. While these policies are often contrary to the interests or objectives of governments and/or major corporations that is the nature of democracy.

Accordingly I consider it highly undemocratic for the federal government, via the above discussion paper, to consider requiring environmental groups to spend 50 per cent of their income on environmental remediation works. This is a fundamental attack on the ability of these groups to undertake their democratic right to take action against environmentally destructive policies & practices of governments and major corporations.

Environmental remediation works like tree planting are entirely worthwhile activities, but can often be avoided by not undertaking environmentally destructive practices in the first place like clearfell logging. If nature is left alone remedial activities to repair it would not be required. Also, why is this reform only proposed for environmental groups? Shouldn't religious groups be similarly required to allocate half their income to restoration of churches, for example?

This ridiculous and entirely unjustified proposal for environmental groups should be put in the bin where it belongs.

Regards

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Sent from my iPhone