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Dear Senior Adviser,

Why would be environmental groups be required to spend 50% of their donations on 'remediation work', such as tree planting, unless the Government wants to admit that their agencies responsible for managing the protection of the environment are not doing their job properly. All the other restrictions can be seen in this way. Does the government really want more erosion, more threatened and extinct species, more pollution of the soil, the air, the water, etc. The work of the environment groups is partly concerned with educating the public about the management of the environment.

Does the government really want a population to be ignorant about the environment?

To quote from the Environment Victoria submission, "Cleaning up or repairing our environment is incredibly important, but it is just one part of what we should be doing. Another part is stopping our environment from being destroyed in the first place."

"The truth is that advocacy and on-ground environmental work cannot exist without the other. Both are needed to improve our environment and safeguard our natural heritage, but each organisation should be able to make its own decisions about which path to choose."

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