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A healthy democracy requires that all voices be heard, so I am a proud donor to several organisations that provide me with a voice.

I am appalled by proposed reforms to Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) tax arrangements. Several of the proposals deliberately target advocacy work and put civil and democratic freedoms at risk.

I cannot ignore the clear political motivation behind the paper, which carries several recommendations from an inquiry into environmental organisations set up under the Abbott Government in what was a clear attempt to hamper these organisations' work.

The environmental DGRs are already subject to significant regulatory burden. Many of the issues raised in the discussion paper relate to increasing scrutiny, regulation and sanctions for these organisations, which is completely unjustified.

Sincerely

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