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Dear Sir/Madam,

I understand that there is an intention to restrict the advocacy aspects of the work of organisations which have the advantage of tax deductibility in relation to the environment.

I fully understand that the Prime Minister who is an advocate for the environment has quite a deal of opposition within his party and it may well be that the noise of climate change advocates makes it difficult within the party.

As the majority of Australians are concerned about climate change not just for themselves but particularly their children, there is a substantial need for advocacy and leadership in the community at a time when efforts from government are falling behind reasonable expectations.

I agree with the idea that advocacy alone is insufficient to assist in tackling issues relating to climate change and with my wife and family and friends have planted many hundreds of trees. Although making this contribution I see a great need for advocacy bodies working in the community and hence I have supported financially a number of organisations in addition.

Those of us who are active in the community need these organisations to get the word out and round up the people so the government can be more aware of the need for action in this crucial area.

Please do not restrict the effectiveness of advocates for the environment who are being supported by people like myself who are already taking the actions you advocate.

I make this submission as a father of 2 daughters with 2 grandchildren and as a retired health practitioner, with concern about the environment and in particular, climate change.

With great respect,

Warren Johnson AM