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I make regular donations to environmental charities because I care for the preservation of the diminishing natural environment.

I am very concerned that the Federal Government is considering restricting my ability to comment on any issue that concerns me by insisting that up to 50% of my donations can only be used for replanting, weeding etc.

While this is an important part of environmental remediation, another important function is to stop the degradation from taking place initially.

This might require advocacy for better policies, additional funding or calling for more informative studies before a major project can proceed.

While this may be inconvenient to some business interests, unless we want to lose forever even more endangered species of flora and fauna and world recognised treasures like the Great Barrier Reef we need to seriously consider the damage we do to our only planet.

The community expects and relies on environmental groups to be strong advocates for environmental outcomes.

Trying to silence them by limiting their areas of operation is incompatible with the democratic freedom we expect from our Australian government,

Sincerely,
Lorris Jones