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To whom it may concern

Environmental charities should be in charge of their own spending parameters for the following reasons:

1. The community expects environmental groups to be strong advocates for environmental outcomes.
2. Advocacy to improve environmental policy is about preventing damage from happening in the first place, not only cleaning up the mess or fixing the damage after the fact. Advocacy for better policy can be the most efficient expenditure compared to the cost of repairing future environmental damage.
3. On the same premise, many of the environmental disaster areas in this country have been caused by a lack of thought and regulation by big business interests over the future of our land not just tomorrow but for centuries to come.
4. Limiting the ability of environment groups to advocate for our environment would result in poorer environmental outcomes. However it may allow big business interests to continue to mine or to seek profit by other means in ways which leave governments and environmental groups to clean up the mess. If indeed that is even possible.
5. Some major environmental problems, like climate change, can't be stopped just through on-ground environmental remediation. Consider the present plight of The Great Barrier Reef.
6. The Inquiry and discussion paper create a false dichotomy between remediation and advocacy. On-ground work often needs supporting policies or funding from government, which may only arise as a result of advocacy. We the people of Australia have already taken from this land and its seas in ways which have left it less stable and less biodiverse. Species are being killed off. The country is becoming ever more drought prone. If we do not have the environmental charity groups looking out for the needs of the country from an environmental perspective, we are doomed to perpetuate the sins of the past.

Yours sincerely

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