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Dear sir/madam,

I am very concerned about the proposal from Federal Treasury that 50% of the funds of environmental charities be spent on remediation.

While I am concerned that we maintain and improve our environment, some of the most major environmental problems, like climate change, cannot be stopped just through on-ground environmental remediation; these require legislative change to achieve the greatest impact.

In a democracy, the people's voices must be heard and this calls for groups, in this case, environmental charities, to be that voice. Please, do not restrict their ability to let you know what changes we want in order to improve the environment for everyone. I expect the environmental group to which I donate to be a strong advocate for environmental outcomes. Advocacy for better policy can be the more efficient expenditure compared with the cost of repairing future environmental damage. Limiting the ability of environment groups to advocate for our environment would result in poorer environmental outcomes.

I therefore urge you not to support the proposal to limit the ability of environmental charities to spend their funds in the way they believe will have the greatest positive impact on our environment.

I trust that you will give consideration to this matter and that you will listen to the voices of the voters.

Yours sincerely,  
Vivienne Maughan