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I am writing because I am aghast at the latest information that the government is again considering abolishing the taxation concessions of NGOs (environmental in particular) that may be enticing if I am a self-funded retiree who donates to such organisations. Because of the government's commissions & omissions & to show support of what is so important to me.

To mention a few :

First & foremost the environment the remediation of which should be a government responsibility.

Little is heard of the environment except criticism

there is more news about Adani than the terrible state of the G.B. Reef, there is little

mention of what the NARE is doing or planning on, there is little mention of the forever rising

greenhouse emissions only criticism of South Australia (for their attitude towards renewables - &

little mention of ACT for that matter), Victoria for their lean on CSG & fracking when the power situation

is partly the fault of government mismanagement of gas export causing a rise in power prices.

The CSIRO that has been losing so many jobs.

The Murray Darling Basin which has been continuing for years & partly due to the abolition of organisations supposed to be over seeing it. Forests & marine environment, how predicaments, cutting down of staff & lack of care of our precious flora & fauna. It is amazing that the population have shown how they care by the rapid uptake of solar P.V. for which the government seems to take credit!

Asylum seekers & their disastrous treatment both overseas & local. I donate to the ASRC to support so many not even allowed to work & kept on indefinite detention

Overseas aid - in particular Oxfam, Care Aust. & Ethnicaid - the last mentioned the women who suffer partly - because aid has been reduced so drastically. The African famine another case in point.

Dying with dignity which at present is a state matter but should be federal. As I am going on for 87 this is important to me. I think this has no tax concession

Friends of the ABC & other cultural matters & only watch the ABC which is continually bereft of finance & staff.

All these show that the present government fears criticism. I believe that the High Court said "advocacy is the sign of a healthy democracy".

Well, enough said, where has ours gone?

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