

**SUBMISSION TO; TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIFT RECIPIENT REFORM OPPORTUNITIES DISCUSSION PAPER**

To; Senior Adviser  
Individual and Indirect Tax Division  
The Treasury  
Langton Crescent  
PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

I oppose the proposal for environmental groups who receive tax deductible donations to be required to up to spend up to one half of the donations they receive for the following reasons;

- It is undemocratic. People who make donations to these groups should not have their money spent in a way that maybe contrary to the way that they would prefer. They only donate money because they believe in the aims of the organization. Therefore the way their donation is spent should be determined by that organization, and not the government.
- People expect environmental groups to be strong environmental advocates.
- It is much more effective to prevent environmental damage from occurring in the first place, rather than repairing damage that could have been prevented by opposing and lobbying against an environmentally destructive development.
- Some crucial environmental problems like climate change can't be repaired after the damage has been done. The damage can be irreversible.
- The proposal is "big government" at its undemocratic worst.

Regards,

John Moore.

