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The Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600

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Dear Sir,

We give to a number of different charities on a regular/monthly basis – some direct their efforts towards helping others (Fred Hollows, Melbourne Mission, Salvos, etc) and some are dedicated to the protection of our precious environment (Environment Victoria, Australian Conservation Council, Climate Council) ... and, in all cases, I trust these charities to best decide for themselves how my donation is applied.

I am of the understanding that this proposal (Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Reform) would require environmental charities to spend a set proportion of their donations on “remedial work” (such as tree-planting) ... which sounds to me like an attempt to silence those charities that might be holding governments and corporations to account for their adverse impacts on our environment, **which is precisely what I expect them to do with my donations.**

I am strongly opposed to any outside interference that would force any of these charities to apply funds and/or efforts in any specific way.

Regards, John Morter

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