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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to you in response to a recent Treasury discussion paper which I understand recommends that environmental groups be required to spend funds that they raise from donors in a particular way.

I donate to Environment Victoria and I hold the organisation in high regard. They advocate effectively on environmental issues that matter to me, and I have no reason to believe that any aspect of their work is illegal.

The Treasury discussion paper's proposals would substantially undermine Environment Victoria's work. This is of course appalling and I must voice my protest without reservation,

While I can understand political representatives seeking to undermine opposition that they face from civic organisations, I am very surprised that the Australian Government Department of the Treasury would engage in such an appalling position.

I would be delighted if my understanding is found to be in error but if it is not, this is an indictment on the Treasury Department and its leadership.

Yours faithfully,

Bruce Mountain

