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In relation to the consultation paper proposing potential “reforms” to Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) taxation arrangements, environmental organisations play an essential role in our communities, with peaceful action and dissenting voices which challenge the dominant paradigm necessary for the healthy functioning of a democratic society.

A political motivation behind the paper is construed from cited recommendations from a previous enquiry into environmental organisations set up by the Abbott-led government in what was an obvious attempt to hamper or obstruct their work.

Environmental advocacy work resulting in improved policies for land and water management, air pollution, waste disposal and penalties for environmental damage should be encouraged and supported, not impeded or abolished. Also the right to attend time-honoured peaceful protests must never be curtailed or forbidden as it is in totalitarian governments, where community members who publicly question the status quo run the risk of being violently physically assaulted, gassed or shot.

Environmental DGRs are already subject to significant regulatory and red tape restriction, and many of the issues raised in the discussion paper relate to increasing scrutiny, regulation and sanctions for these organisations, which is unjustified.

We have entered the tipping point of encroaching climate change. It is essential for our leaders to desist from squabbling; to read, absorb and act on the advice of world environmental scientists, and work together with environmental groups who have been issuing warnings for decades now.

Yours sincerely,

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