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I wish to make a submission regarding the consultation paper which proposes potential reforms to Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) tax arrangements.

It's a worry to us ordinary people when government manipulates laws to reduce the efficacy of the people's voice. Environment groups have different roles and I question your motives in forcing them into YOUR roles, taking their focus off what WE are donating to them for, which in this case is holding you to account about GM foods. GM is a process about which not enough is known and the occasional GM disasters that ARE known I can't imagine why you don't know about them too. You are utterly insane to risk Australia's green image and marketing brand by caving in to corporate pressure for corporate profits for people who just don't give a damn. I just shake my head at how BLIND government can be.

Potential sanctions to an organisation for any unlawful activity by anyone in the group is ridiculous too and open to government abuse. And I'm sorry mate we just don't trust government generally that much, to give you that kind of manipulative power over OUR organisation's peaceful protest.

Bloody heck, you should welcome peaceful protest, it may be a pain in the butt for you sometimes, but look around and notice how often green groups have saved politician's butts AND OURS in the past and will continue to save your rear end AND OURS in the future.

Without the environmentalists calling stuff to government attention and fighting for what we ALL believe in, the Tasmanian old growth forests that provide an essential part of us humans being able to breathe, would have been woodchipped into paper, the 1000 year old myrtle trees at Tarra Bulga would have been woodchipped along with them. I found a 2,500 year old tree out the back of Powelltown that WAS chopped down, I cried. The whales would be all dead and gone instead of just most of them, the barrier reef would be dead and gone instead of struggling along, the oceans would have no fish in them and thousands and thousands of species would be gone off the face of the earth instead of hundreds. You would have contaminated all the ground water in the country with fracking. GM would be a routine part of Australia and we would have lost the major opportunity to be clean in our food. The list of positive things achieved by the environmental groups goes on and on.

So thank God for the environmental groups, leave them the bloody hell alone to do their jobs and thank God for them while you're at it.

We donate money to them or not, for what THEY DO, that we agree with and if we don't agree with them, we can withdraw our donations. We don't need over governmenting taking away our choices and our power for positive change.

What you seem to miss is that YOU too - both as government AND the private people who make up our government - you too benefit from the attention environmental groups have brought to what's important in our lives and you should be bloody encouraging them not joining in with corporations who don't give a crap about anything except money, who don't care about the air we breathe, about the water we drink and about the land that grows our food.

And if you don't believe that statement then come back to me and I'll give you ten examples off the top of my head and hey mate, I'm just an ordinary person...

Yours sincerely,

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