

To: Director General, Federal Treasury

Re: Submission re Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status of activist groups

From: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express my concern that taxpayers are supporting groups such as Lock the Gate and Greenpeace to conduct dangerous illegal protests in our state by the provision of Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status of activist groups.

I have had to stop and drive carefully around an individual from Greenpeace perched 5m above a public road on the back road between Gunnedah and Boggabri in NSW – see my photo below. A police officer put her body between my vehicle and the tripod to protect the Greenpeace activist which was disturbing as this meant that our scarce and valuable law enforcement officers were not really helping the general community at this time.



I believe that all environmental charities should be regularly reviewed to make sure they are abiding by the law and if they break the law then they should immediately have their DGR status revoked. Taxpayers should not subsidise illegal and dangerous protests.

To be eligible for DGR status, the primary purpose of an environmental charity should be 'on-ground' work that improves the local environment such as the Green Team out planting trees which is an excellent and worth cause.

Regards

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