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Dear Minister,

I am appalled by the direction of this current Government with regard to charities and environmental groups. We currently have good laws in place that make certain that both groups behave legally and properly and without them the Mineral Council and mining companies have greater power than those that live on the land that they exploit.

Without Environmentally concerned people the Great barrier Reef could have been mined for limestone fertiliser, The Franklin River dammed and even more old growth forests logged for wood chips. I am a relatively conservative middle aged voter who has watched the decline of our once magnificent reefs, the increasing number of bush fires, salt damaged soils and reduced rainfall. I feel that my right to protest in a supposedly democratic country like Australia should remain and if your Government attempts to change that right we are on a very slippery slope.

Yours Sincerely,

Joanna Taylor