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RE: DGR discussion paper

Dear Senior Advisor:

Response to Summary questions:

4: Charities and DGR's that undertake advocacy activities should be required by the ACNC, to provide additional information from all registered charities about their advocacy activities. Additionally

- All charities that are involved with advocacy should be regularly reviewed to make sure they are abiding by the law, with DGR status revocation being consequential to illegal activity.
- Any environmental protest group that breaks the law should immediately have their DGR status revoked. Taxpayers should not subsidise illegal protests by anti-mining groups.
- To be eligible for DGR status, the primary purpose of an environmental charity should be 'on-ground' work that improves the local environment.

5: Yes, as a summary the advocacy activities should be included in the Annual Information Statement, although after an illegal protest, or illegal activity to undertake advocacy the additional information should be sought immediately, followed by a review of the DGR status.

9: Yes a formal rolling review program should be included to require DGR's to make annual certification.

10: Any illegal activity should be considered in the granting of annual certification as well as compliance to the DGR's commitments for local and international support and advocacy.

11: A general 5 year sunset rule should be in place for DGR's

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12: Environmental agencies should be required to commit a minimum of 25% of their annual expenditure from their public fund to environmental remediation. This should be reviewed included in the annual information statement and reviewed as part of the certification, with external audits conducted at random on a selection of organisations each year.

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