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Sir,

as a person who supports a variety of charities in the community I write to support those groups in particular who take an advocacy role trying to achieve better environmental outcomes for all of us. There are many private individuals and large organisations such as mining companies who want to avoid their environmental responsibilities clearing vast tracts of land or failing to remediate abandoned mine sites. Groups such as the Mackay Conservation Group seek to draw attention to these people and companies highlighting the remediation the miners must be made responsible for and not leave the work to be paid for by the rest of the community, the general taxpayers.

As with other charities who do good works in our community (supporting the disabled for instance) and receive Deductible Gift Recipient status, I believe that similarly, environmental groups should be eligible also to receive this status as they are caring for our country and trying to ensure the rights of our natural environment are not abused through their advocacy. Once environmental harm is done it can never really be undone once it happens.

Faithfully,

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