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Dear Parliamentary Members,

Prevention is always better than a cure! What is the Government doing to protect Australia's environment. Very little it seems, in fact the Government seems bent on destroying the environment by reducing marine parks, ignoring climate change and now trying to legislate what environmental charities do with their funds. It is obvious that the Government does not want these environmental groups to have the funds to lobby the Government to stop destroying the environment. Of course the environment needs remediation but why expect the environmental groups to be responsible for that aspect when environmental degradation is more often due to commercial interests who are not held to account by the Government to repair the damage that they have done to the environment in the first place. If the Government allows environmental degradation by commercial interests then surely it is up to the Government to repair the damage.

Which other charities in Australia are required to spend 50% of their donations on projects dictated by the Government? It is so obvious that this is an attempt to try to silence these environmental groups that are in most cases in opposition to commercial interests and hold the Government to account. It seems this country is slowly becoming a dictatorship.

Yours sincerely Ulrike Wurth

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