

**To:** [Committee, Environment \(REPS\)](#)  
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Dear Committee,

Being a registered Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) allows an organization to access tax-deductible donations to fund important, practical work to protect and improve the natural environment. This work inevitably involves advocacy and at times opposition to ill-conceived developments. Please don't pull the rug from under groups who have the best interest of all Australians at heart. We don't need more witch hunts of Environment Groups. We have seen the decimation of Environmental lobbies, research and Development etc. This must stop now by allowing these groups to function as they have in the past, not hobbled in an uneven playing field where big business can do what they like.

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