

Subject: Senate Inquiry into the EPBC Amendment Bill
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I petition the Senate to agree that the Federal Government should continue to monitor the States of Australia concerning the State's aims should they want to bypass current Environmental Laws.

Reasons:

1. This would allow overpowering of Conflict of Interest assessment in any environmentally challenged issue the State is urging.
2. The 'fast-tracking' methods now coming into play by State of Queensland politicians, has the power to eliminate public consultation, and the removal of our legal avenues of review. This could lead to major unrest in populations.
3. State of Queensland authorities have already pushed through undesirable outcomes eg: Paradise Dam and its million \$ fish elevator. There is no comeback if it is proved that EIS processes were fed misleading information. Temporary employment and State development are given priority over our long term ecological health and benefits.
4. If a project such as a dam or mining in a significant Biosphere is built, conditioned and monitored only by the state, then we have lost independent monitoring which alone seems to protect the Environment.
5. Queensland has no Upper House to monitor the newly elected novices who rarely safeguard our State's amazing biodiversity for their 3 year term.

Yours sincerely

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