

In West Australia our environmental regulations are already close to useless and it's no accident that the environmental review process is called an "approvals" process rather than an assessment process...and it's been getting worse.

Over the last decade or so this (and the other states) have experienced an increasing effort on the part of big business and other lobbyists to weaken environmental legislation and protection processes to further their own interests - in the case of corporations to increase profits – at the lasting expense of an environment that is valued by this generation and will be so for future generations if it can be preserved.

It is obvious that the call for environmental legislation to be left up to the states without federal oversight is an attempt to weaken the environmental protections we do have and NOT to strengthen them and it is obvious that our state governments are quite willing to let that happen.

Please do not allow this to happen.

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