

**Inquiry: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation
Amendment (Retaining Federal Approval Powers) Bill 2012**

I wholly support Senator Waters Bill.

It is important that the Federal Government retains its powers in regard to environment protection.

Handing those powers back to the states can only result in a free-for-all for the mining, energy and logging industries destroying what is left of our precious environment and bio-diversity.

I urge all Senators to support Senator Waters Bill and to consider the consequences otherwise