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Committee Secretary

House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment

Dear Sir

It is with grave disquiet that I view the changes the Federal Government is planning to legislation covering Registered Environmental Organisations . These organisations run by community minded citizens who care about what happens around them on a number of environmental fronts epitomize the caring attitude we have come to accept of the Australian nature. Their work is carried out in part by informing other citizens of environmental problems and formulating plans to rectify them without thought of profit or acknowledgement. Australia is proud of its volunteer background and if they are unable to carry out the tasks do, because they can no longer obtain the donations necessary to do so, Australia will be the loser and the poorer for it. I ask that the Federal Government does not remove the charity status of these organisations .

Yours sincerely

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