

To: [Committee, EC \(SEN\)](#)

Subject: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standing) Bill 2015

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Dear Committee Members

I do not believe it is right to restrict objections to those people who live nearby or are immediately impacted. Surely such issues as the fate of the koala or the Great Barrier Reef are of vital interest to all of us.

Claims by the Attorney General that environmental groups want to destroy development are wrong and such wedging tactics are designed to create division amongst Australian society. By far the greatest number of projects were not challenged. Out of 5,500 projects since the provision was placed in the Act, only 22 have ever been challenged in court and only 2 projects have ever been stopped as a result of a court case.

For the sake of our future, we should be strengthening environmental laws, not seeking to undermine them.

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