

Subject: Submission - EPBC Act (Retaining Federal Approval Powers)
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I support Senator Larissa Waters' Senate bill to retain environmental approvals at the federal Level.

I am concerned that industry and urban sprawl exert too much pressure on development opportunities with only short term economic gain in mind. Many times, the a loss of a local environmental assett can have a national impact. Externalised costs are frequently taken up by the public later.

Proper and powerful approvals process such as rests with the federal government are the best way to protect against short-sighted development approvals.

Sincerely,

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