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To whom it may concern,

I am horrified by the witch hunt the Abbott government has set up by targeting more than 600 environmental organisations in this politically driven inquiry. These organisations give the environment a much needed voice, without which resource extraction and mining interests would dig up and sell off our incredible country.

These organisations are the 'Lorax' in multiple, and speak for the trees, the forests, the deserts, the rivers, the reef, the oceans - indeed all of our unique environments and their inhabitants. By targeting these environment organisations Abbott makes quite clear his agenda - Australia is for sale.

We, the tax payers, want and need these organisations - to help make our voices calling for environmental protection heard in amidst the clanging of extraction machinery. These environmental organisations deserve their tax exempt status, they have a vital role in our supposed democracy!

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