

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

I submit that the federal government must not hand over the power of environmental responsibilities to the states because:

All natural resources belong to the nation and not to individual states.

State governments only look after the welfare their own state and have no national interest in mind.

State governments are swayed by businesses who lobby intensively and donate to their political parties so that they get the ear of politicians.

State governments listen more to business interests than to environmentalists because large amounts of money are involved in resource developments.

Therefore state governments are biased against environmental protection.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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