

I'm writing to express my concern, not only with the current plan to allow the states to (mis)manage their environmental responsibilities given the dreadful record to date of the Victorian, Queensland and Western Australian state governments - but also to ask - what stops the Federal government from being just as destructive as the State Governments?

What would stop a Liberal Federal Government from winding back any protection put in place today?

What can we do to ensure the long term protection and conservation of some of the most valuable long term resources we have?

I think an independent conservation body needs to be established and given power of veto over any state or federal project that does not adequately investigate and mitigate any impact to the environment - and to ensure that places of national importance such as the Great Barrier Reef are protected from any negative impacts.

It's not enough to make a quick buck from the destruction of our natural resources - we have to plan for the future and that means more than the next 4 year political term.

Yours Sincerely,  
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