

Subject: Submission - EPBC Act (Retaining Federal Approval Powers)
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Dear Sirs,

I received information only just now about the above-named Bill, except that I was informed of the problem when it was made public that federal responsibility for environmentally sensitive areas might be passed over to the States (and Territories). I expressed opposition to such delegation of power at that time and want to confirm now my opposition to it. I have been deeply involved in Environmental work, especially in portions of Canberra Nature Park, since retiring from overseas (medical) work in 1997. I supported many campaigns eg to reduce the area planned to be devoted to suburban housing in the Molonglo Valley (ACT) some years ago. Many serious environmental problems roll right across State and Territory boundaries and I consider it essential that overall *national bodies should have final responsibility for ensuring conservation of such areas*. Given that submissions on this subject seem to close tomorrow I am only able to make this general statement, but hope there would be opportunity to contribute ideas and experiences on the subject before the Bill is finally passed or adopted.

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