

Committee Secretary
House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment
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Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Secretary,

We refer to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment established to inquire into and report on the administration and transparency of the Register of Environmental Organisations (the Register) and its effectiveness in supporting communities to take practical action to improve the environment.

Your media release is entitled "Are eco-charity donations benefiting the environment?"

Representatives of the Committee appeared recently on the 7:30 Report of the ABC in which there was criticism levelled at the Friends of the Earth organisation.

I am aware of and thankful for the activities undertaken by Friends of the Earth Australia and Friends of the Earth Melbourne.

The environment has benefited immeasurably from the works of these organisations...

As such it is not right to consider withdrawing the Taxation Gift Deductable Status that Friends Of The Earth Australia and Friends Of The Earth Melbourne are eminently qualified to receive.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Wynen