

It is vital that the Federal Govt maintain its environmental approval obligations and not hand them over to the States.

The States like Qld have a dreadful record of environmental management and an oversight body such as the Federal Govt is essential to protect the environment.

Such as in November of 1994 when the then Environment Minister Senator John Faulkner used his powers to ask the Governor General to issue a proclamation to stop work at the Port Hinchinbrook site in Far North Qld due to the risk it posed on the World Heritage values of Hinchinbrook Island.

The Federal govt must maintain control of Australia's environmental protection and not leave it to the States who cannot be trusted to look after this valuable asset.

Regards

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