

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY AMENDMENT (Retaining
Federal Approval powers) BILL 2012.

We would like to submit that the Federal Government MUST retain final approval powers under the EPBA over State approval processes alone. There have been too many cases historically of the States approving things that might have a short term economic benefits to that State, while irrevocably destroying natural habitats or ecological systems that are of National importance. Only Federal oversight can protect the National interest, especially in the case of Environmental impacts and biodiversity issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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