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Re: Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation  
Amendment Bill 2015.

The move to remove registered conservation groups from the meaning of “aggrieved persons” as defined in this act cannot be justified.

Conservation groups have not been abusing this entitlement – there have been relatively few challenges made by conservation groups. Generally speaking ‘conservation groups’ seem to have significant levels of support when they do go into battle to try to save an area or particular species endangered by a development project.

Often it is only a conservation group that has the necessary resources to mount a challenge to a project where the environment is put at risk.

I have had an interest in government/politics for about 38 years now, the current government has instituted some of the most destructive policies I have seen in this period of nearly four decades – I would urge - don’t add another one.

I am not a member of any conservation group.

Sincerely

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