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

Dear Sir/Madam

the elimination of tax-deductibility for groups engaged in advocacy would be an attack on democracy.

For those of us who have an interest in how our country is run, these groups provide a means of representing our views to our elected representatives. Without them, the role of citizens will be reduced to that of voting, with no other effective way of conveying our wishes.

For-profit groups and their representatives can donate to political parties, control the media, buy seats at dinners with ministers. To say that money doesn't buy influence is to deny reality.

For the continuation of our stable, peaceful democracy, it is vital that citizens feel that they are being listened to and have a stake in the future of our parliamentary system.

For these reasons, I urge you to continue to allow tax deductibility for non profit groups engaged in advocacy.

Yours sincerely

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