

Please do not allow State governments to have sole control over environmental protection. Areas of environmental significance belong to all Australians, not just those of one state. As a Northern Territorian, I want to have a say over whether or not the Kimberly gas hub is built, whether or not we mine the Tarkine in Tasmania, or how we regulate the Great Barrier Reef to ensure its protection. Please don't take this voice away from me, just because I don't live in WA, TAS or QLD.

I also have a sincere fear that State governments will not manage important environmental sites as well as they should. Temptation to put financial gain over environmental protection is surely felt more keenly in our states and territories, and we need our Federal government to retain the power to step in and ensure protection is given where needed. I am especially distrustful of the QLD governments value of the GBR, and desperately want to see it protected. We should be making it harder for areas of environmental significance to be exploited, not easier.

Please ensure the Federal government retains its power to protect our environment. Once these beautiful places are lost, we can't bring them back, and that is a risk too big to take.

Thank you.

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