

**To:** [Committee, EC \(SEN\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2015  
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Dear Senate Committee

I strongly oppose the above proposed Amendment Bill and ask that you recommend that this bill not be passed.

I don't support this bill's aim of stopping the public and groups from accessing the courts to review the legality of major projects and government decisions and to uphold environmental laws where the government fails to do so.

Public interest litigation is a very important part of our Australian democratic process.

Australians who feel concerned for the future of our wildlife and for the beautiful natural surroundings of places such as the Great Barrier Reef have the democratic right to voice their concerns for the Australian land and our native wildlife. The land and the animals have no voice to protect themselves except by those who are concerned for their future.

Please, Senate Committee Secretariat, help Australians to continue to have confidence in the words of our national anthem, "that we are young and free".

Regards

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