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Senator Waters asked:

The Queensland Conservation Council, as part of its regular work to input into Commonwealth activities in Queensland, such as the EPBC strategic assessments, work on protecting the Reef, QCC does extensive consultation with its broad membership and diverse communities, researches and develops informed policy positions, convenes public meetings, participates in Commonwealth meetings and processes and regularly provides high quality, considered submissions to the Government on policy initiatives. Would it be more cost effective for the Commonwealth to support community organisations such as QCC that trying to orchestrate all that community consultation and input yourselves?

Answer:

The Grants to Voluntary Environment and Sustainability and Heritage Organisations programme supported eligible organisations by contributing to their administrative costs and did not provide funding for community consultation.