

Please don't give states the power to make environmental decisions of such importance to all Australians.

Why on earth would you delegate such power to the self-interest of a state? It's an awful proposal that promises devastating consequences set to affect all Australians.

States have a clear record of jettisoning their responsibility in the name of any kind of project that allows them to say they are 'developing' their state. So often this means they are reckless in skipping any kind of due process or any real examination of environmental concerns.

The federal government must retain these powers to ensure some kind of balance is struck between development and the environment. Even that balance is dubious as any federal government wants to green light development almost as much as a state government.

But I hold out hope that in the face of an awful local decision based on short-term gain blind to long-term consequences, the federal government can review from afar and make a calmer, cooler decision.

Please reconsider and maintain some token of balance in an already skewed debate. We must have retain some protections for the important natural spaces we have left and the management of what is already under development.