

18th January, 2013.

Committee Secretary,
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications,
PO Box 6100,
Parliament House,
Canberra ACT 2600.

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation
Amendment (Retaining Federal Approval Powers) Bill 2012.**

I wish to record my support for this bill whereby the Federal Government will retain responsibility for important environmental decisions within Australia.

The Federal Government would be expected to have a broader perspective than a State Government. It is better positioned to know, understand and honour international, environmental treaties eg. The Ramsar Convention, JAMBA, CAMBA and ROKAMBA.

It could be difficult for a State Minister to decide on an issue involving more than one state eg. Murray/ Darling Basin, and could lead to favouring his/ her own state.

Thank You.

Yours faithfully,
Marion Shaw