

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to add my voice regarding the proposal to give environmental protection powers to the States.

As a resident of Queensland, this idea fills me with abject fear at the moment as we have a money-hungry, big business-loving Liberal government who have already spat in the face of recommendations to protect the Great Barrier Reef by limiting ports and dredging off Gladstone, for example.

There have to be some Federal checks and balances so that if the States "get it wrong" at least there will be someone with common sense Federally to put a halt to environmentally damaging plans.

Our environment in Australia is just SO delicate and precious that it's really a wonder we've been able to survive as well as we have for as long as we have here I think. If we want future prosperity, industry and quality of living, we HAVE to make the environment a priority and I really feel that a Liberal government is not going to care a whit about that.

I implore the government to retain the right to veto and amend plans if they feel it will damage our amazing environment.

Australians rely on Labor to look after the PEOPLE and Greens to look after the environment, together they are a stronger force than the Liberals looking after their POCKETS.

Thankyou for taking the time to read my submission.

Yours sincerely,  
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