

I despair for the future of this country. We have conservative governments in most of the states. Their priorities are no secret. How can we be prepared to hand over the safeguarding of places like the Great Barrier Reef, & sacred sites & grave sites in West Australia. And Tasmania seems to not be faring any better with The Tarkine under threat.

These areas aren't being seen for what they are, places of natural beauty & cultural significance. They are now being seen in terms of what minerals can be leached from them. No safeguard will be enough to prevent significant or total damage.

Does Tony Burke actually have a job anymore? Once he's farmed his responsibilities off to the states do we see his portfolio become obsolete? His ministerial pay cheque will not be enough to repair our national natural heritage. There is no repair. We are custodians, & there are no second chances to get this right.