

Dear Senators,

I would like to make a submission to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Retaining Federal Approval Powers) Bill 2012.

I believe the Federal Government should under no circumstances hand any more Environmental decision making powers to the State governments.

We need to keep strong guarantees that protection for threatened species, World Heritage areas and Ramsar wetlands remains a Federal responsibility.

To undermine these laws would be a monumental travesty and would put many more species under threat of extinction in an already fragile moment in time.

Australia's Environment is our National Treasure and we need to ensure the diversity and sustainability for future generations of Australians.

State governments will never agree on a whole Nation Plan for our environment and this will put our Nation under extreme pressure.