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I strongly support legislation to protect Australia's environment. It is important that the environment remains protected by the Federal Government's and that responsibility for environmental issues is not passed to state governments.

I support the Bill before the Senate which would make the handover unlawful. If passed, this Bill will guarantee that protection for threatened species, World Heritage areas and Ramsar wetlands remains a Federal responsibility. This is essential.

Yours sincerely

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