

I am writing to support Laris Waters' contention that pro-mining States are not capable of seriously caring for the environment: it is, after all, not in their commercial interest to do so.

The environment needs to be the responsibility of the Federal Government, which is elected by the people of Australia to, amongst much else, take responsibility for this country's affairs. I hope it improves its record in the matter of the environment. One just has to look at the frightening amount of fauna extinctions happening already to see it is failing.

We need tighter controls of mining interests in this country, not weaker ones, which is the certain outcome were the States to be given this responsibility.

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