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Senator McKim, Nick asked:

What is the current status of plans to abolish the Register of Environmental Organisations (which would effectively remove tax deductibility for donations to environmental organisations)?

Answer:

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment tabled its report on the Inquiry into the Register of Environmental Organisations on 4 May 2016.

While the Committee recommended abolishing the Register of Environmental Organisations (Recommendation 1), it did not recommend removing tax deductibility for donations to environmental organisations. The Committee recommended transferring the administration process for endorsement as a Deductible Gift Recipient for environmental organisations to the Australian Taxation Office.

The Government is currently considering the Committee's report.