

Submission

**Inquiry: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment  
(Retaining Federal Approval Powers) Bill 2012.**

I support the retaining of powers in relation to the EPBC Act by the Federal Government. I understand the complexity of the work in establishing which species and ecosystems need protection; and which projects must come through this Act. I strongly support the overarching power remaining with the Federal Government. The Act needs reform, but not by way of handing over powers to State Governments.

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