

## **Anonymous, 3814**

Good afternoon,

I found making a submission too difficult, and most matters were included at the meeting. I just wanted to add the following if this is acceptable?

I was amazed that the funding for EPA comes from landfill fees rather than Govt. grants. As EPA is obviously starved of funds to adequately fulfil it's functions as watchdog and policeman it needs either a massively increased proportion of this funding or to receive a realistic grant from both State and Federal Govts.

It needs to be a true Umbrella organisation with both State and Federal components and with access to all the top scientific organisations and the data that they compile.

They need increased power of inspections, 24 hrs daily, fines for defaulters need to actually hurt, and prompt reports to complainants.

They need to cover all aspects of the Environment, including climate change ( emissions) and inappropriate land usage ( protection of farm land from housing sprawl and protection of pristine environments from effects of quarrying discharges into air, underground water and neighbouring waterways.)

To this end they need more power than local Councils.

Emergency response organisations also need liaison with EPA in the planning stages ( guidelines) to allow quick response but protection of widespread habitat destruction.

Thank you for allowing me to add my opinion,