



**Registered Office**  
57 Yanco Avenue, Leeton, NSW 2705 Australia  
Locked Bag 2, Leeton, NSW 2705 Australia  
T +61 2 6953 0411  
[www.sunrice.com.au](http://www.sunrice.com.au)

20 August 2024

Dear Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to lodge a submission in response to the Inquiry into the Tax Laws Amendment (Incentivising Food Donations to Charitable Organisations) Bill 2024. The SunRice Group is pleased to see this important initiative being progressed by the Australian Parliament.

We would like to convey our strong support for the Bill, as it would not only help many Australians in need but also reduce food loss and waste; help stimulate regional economies; acknowledge the generosity of farmers and growers; and support small and medium businesses during a particularly challenging economic period.

Australia currently wastes more than 7.6 million tonnes of food each year costing the economy over \$36.6 billion<sup>1</sup>. 70%<sup>2</sup> of this food is perfectly edible and redirecting it to food relief would potentially deliver \$2 billion<sup>3</sup> in social return. If tax settings are recalibrated to incentivise donations to food relief charities, then industry would have an additional reason to do the right thing. Experience in other countries, including the USA, France, Canada and the Netherlands, where similar incentives have been operating successfully for many years, confirms that tax incentives are far and away the most effective way to positively impact donations to food relief charities.

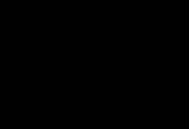
The SunRice Group is an ASX listed global branded food company with a deep Australian heritage. We employ over 2,100 people in our operations across 10 countries and nearly 50 global markets, including Australia, the Middle East, the US, Papua New Guinea, the Pacific and Asia. Our operations span all aspects of food creation, from partnering with growers and researchers to the creation of innovative and nutritious food products for meals, snacks, entertaining and animal performance. We partner with rice growers in the Riverina (NSW) connecting them to premium markets, enhancing the livelihoods for farmers and rural communities in Australian and around the world. Engagement with local communities also forms an integral part of our global strategy. In regions like Papua New Guinea and Vietnam, we actively support local farmers, contribute to community development initiatives, and promote education and health programs. And over the last financial year the SunRice Group donated 757,000 meals and \$1.68 million to community groups and not-for-profits.

Having reviewed the Bill, we recommend the following amendments:

- Expansion of the eligibility to entities other than Constitutional Corporations, such as Trusts and Partnerships, as many food-related businesses (e.g. family farms) take this form.
- That the type of registered food charity be expanded to include those entities registered as a Public Benevolent Institution under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

We believe these amendments would significantly improve the eligibility, application and impact of the proposed tax incentive and strongly encourage the Committee to recommend the earliest possible passage of the amended Bill.

Sincerely,



Paul Serra  
**Group CEO**

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.stopfoodwaste.com.au/about/#why\\_reduce](https://www.stopfoodwaste.com.au/about/#why_reduce)

<sup>2</sup> <https://workdrive.zohopublic.com.au/external/ba011474a921ef40d77287a482fc9b257083a646708e3b38b6debeea81cdf81b>

<sup>3</sup> <https://home.kpmg/au/en/home/insights/2020/09/food-relief-australia-tax-system.html>