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Hello,

We are a not for profit which has been running from the USA since 2012. We deliver teams of medical professionals to isolated communities in the South Pacific Islands. Our pool of doctors and dentist have been predominantly from the USA and UK which involves significant travel implications for all of them.

We've recently established a branch of our charity here in Australia with the intention of expanding our reach and potential pool of medical professionals prepared to give their time and money to help others. The donations these people make is crucial to the success of our programs, and the administrative burden we've encountered in making application in every state to run these programs is costing valuable time and money.

As things stand, we are better of continuing our effort in the USA and UK until a more sensible regulatory system in in place in Australia.

Kind Regards
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