



Tambo Bluff  
**Landcare**  
Coastcare Inc.  
Environmental Precinct

PO BOX 154 METUNG, VIC, 3904

The Deputy Commissioner for Taxation,  
Australian Taxation Office,  
26 Narellan St,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T., 2601

12<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

Dear Mr Day,

I am writing to you about my concern regarding the current taxation status and requirements for our association and the difficulties experienced with your office in having changes made.

In May this year, Landcare Victoria Inc. advised us of the upcoming enforcement of regulations for charities and not for profit groups.

In early June, I contacted your office to enquire about documents to advise of a name change to the group [from Tambo Bluff Landcare Coastcare Group to Tambo Bluff Landcare Coastcare] and to advise details of the incumbent secretary. An ATO form was duly forwarded to my address, completed by hand and returned to your office at Penrith.

On 8<sup>th</sup> June an application to the ACNC for charity status for TBLC was completed.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> July TBLC held our annual general meeting, where it was decided to become incorporated. Application was made to Consumer Affairs Victoria and incorporation granted on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. We are required by Victorian law to change our title to Tambo Bluff Landcare Coastcare Inc. At the same time the ATO was advised, another form was received, completed, again by hand and returned.

ACNC registered 'Tambo Bluff Landcare Coastcare Group' as charity on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

I received re-directed mail from our previous secretary which had been sent to him from the ATO which still had the previous address. That mail [a reminder for NFP returns] was dated 26<sup>th</sup> July [yr ref. 8012287678475] and should have been directed to PO Box 154 Metung, Vic, 3904.

ACNC advised me our charity status had been revoked on 1<sup>st</sup> August because of the name change and they were unable for match an ABN to our new name.

I have subsequently made contact with various ATO personnel in an attempt to determine how to accommodate a new ACNC application. I am unable to complete the new ACNC application because the ABN and TFN are allocated to 'Tambo Bluff Lancare Coastcare Group'. I was instructed by one of your staff I was to provide my own personal TFN, however there was no proof I was the authorised officer for our group, thus the change was unable to be completed by phone. [That information has been forwarded to your Penrith office, but clearly the changes have not been made.] I have been told I must cancel both the current ABN and TFN and apply for new ones in the name of 'Tambo Bluff Landcare Coastcare Inc'

I have been advised of differing requirements from various ATO office staff over this entire saga. I have found the ATO application forms difficult to navigate and have become confused during the various telephone conversations. There must be a simpler way to exchange one word for another in a title within your system in these cases.

I will be unable to complete a NFP self-review return for Tambo Bluff Landcare Coastcare Inc. because I cannot access the necessary information with our correct name.

We are a group of aging and dedicated environmental volunteers, but I have found this whole exercise unnecessarily time consuming and frustrating.

I anticipate your early reply for assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Maloney,  
Secretary

