



Australian Government

Australian Government response to the
Senate Select Committee on Charity Fundraising in the 21st Century
report.

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Report

Government Response

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that the Australian government urgently provide a public response to the recommendations made in the review panel's report, *Strengthening for Purpose: Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Legislation Review*.

On 6 March 2020, the Government published its response to the recommendations of the review panel. The response supported measures to reduce red tape, strengthen trust in the sector, and support the ACNC as an effective regulator.

Recommendation 2

The committee recommends that the Australian Government commit to working with state and territory governments and the not-for-profit sector to develop a consistent national model for regulating not-for-profit and charitable fundraising activities within a time limit of two years.

The Government **notes** the recommendation.

The Government is conscious of differing regulatory requirements for charitable fundraising across the states and territories.

The Government committed in its response to the ACNC Review to continue to work with and support the efforts of states and territories to harmonise charitable fundraising laws. In particular, state and territory officials are working with the ACNC to explore options to further reduce the regulatory burden on the sector.

On 31 August 2020, a discussion paper was released for public consultation by the NSW Government, in consultation with other states and the ACT, outlining a proposed cross-border recognition model for charitable fundraisers. The Government will continue to actively support this work. Under the proposed model, a charity already registered with the ACNC would be deemed to hold a local authority in each participating jurisdiction.