Charity Fundraising in the 21st Century Submission 1

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To whom it may concern

Heart Support Australia is a national organisation with support branches across the country.

This means that we have to be compliant with each State's fundraising laws and procedures.

We welcome this inquiry into fundraising. Overwhelming, fundraising is a significant source of regulatory burden for our organisation. One state says you can run a raffle up to a certain amount prize money and another says you need to register every raffle. This is an example of how easy it is to get things wrong. Trying to remain knowledgeable about each State's rules is time consuming and open to error. Having one set of regulations for all States and Territories would be the most sensible thing.

What we need is for all Australian governments to take action to fix the problem. They must make it a priority. They must take action now. They must work together to provide us, other charities and other not-for-profits and the donating public with a national fundraising regulatory regime. The Federal Government can take a lead under the Australian Consumer Law. It is simply not good enough to do nothing. It's time to #fixfundraising.

Kind regards,

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