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Senate Standing Committee on Economics: Inquiry into the disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations

Submission

Established in 1985, Psychiatric Disability Services of Victoria (VICSERV) is the peak body for non-government psychiatric disability and community mental health organisations in Victoria.

VICSERV exists to promote the growth and development of Psychiatric Disability Rehabilitation and Support Services (PDRSS), which foster the wellbeing of people with a psychiatric disability and their carers.

Our response to the Senate Standing Committee is shaped by the concerns of our member bodies across Victoria. In summary, such concerns include:

1. That we do not become overregulated;
2. That the NFP 'market' is able to be open, innovative and continues to be a dynamic driver for social, environmental and economic development;
3. Ensuring a consistent approach to reporting is applied nationally that promotes transparency while not overly burdening organisations;
4. That a national *Independent NFP Commission* is formed, as opposed to being relegated to a minor 'add on' part of the ATO, Productivity Commission or ASIC or some other independent body; and
5. That our tax deductibility status remains.

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