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## **INQUIRY INTO THE DISCLOSURE REGIMES FOR CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS**

I am writing this letter in my capacity as the President of the Agricultural Societies Council of New South Wales, a Not-for-Profit organisations.

This organisation has major concerns with the document "Inquiry into the Disclosure Regimes for Charities and Not-for-Profit Organisations".

The ASC is the organisation representing 195 shows throughout New South Wales. We are one of the largest voluntary organisations in the State and have a history of over 100 years of shows promoting their local community to the wider world.

Our organisation can foresee problems with the concept of both Charities and Not-for-Profit organisations being included under a major Federal banner. We believe it would be much more efficient improving the communications between the existing authorities without implementing up a Federal body which would be very costly to maintain. There is no recommendation on how this would be funded. It would be difficult for this funding to come from those Charitable and Not-for-Profit organisations.

We also believe that there is a large difference between Charities and Not-for-Profit organisations. Charities have the benefit of receiving large donations whereas Not for Profit organisations rely on members contributions, sponsorship and voluntary fundraising activities. Our organisation is self funding.

We would agree with the statement contained as point 23 of the background paper concerning this matter:

"changes to disclosure regimes requiring all not-for-profit organisations to be subject to standardised accounting and reporting requirements, would seriously disadvantage small organisations who may not have the human resources and knowledge base to comply with such requirements."

Our organisation would like to be consulted before any policy is formulated with regard to any major changes to disclosure regimes for charities or Not-for-Profit organisations.

We thank you for your time and await your response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Moor', written in a cursive style.

DAVID MOOR  
PRESIDENT