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I'm pleased to see there is to be an enquiry into the not-for-profit sector. The following are some issues that we face on a regular basis, which may be of use in your deliberations.

1. Sharp increase in competition for the charity dollar making it tougher for charities to operate effectively.
2. The vast cost of paperwork and red-tape involved in completing funding applications to both Government and philanthropic foundations.
3. Funding from above sources is often only for 12 months whereas our view is that funding should be for a minimum of 3 years, which would provide a more consistent approach to achieving outcomes.
4. Perhaps long-standing and well regarded charities could receive some status / accreditation which might allow them to fast track their applications

Kind regards,

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