

31st July 2003.

Consultation on the Definition of a Charity
Board of Taxation,
C/- The Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

This Association has read the "Exposure Draft" and the Treasurer's notes. We are of the firm opinion that this proposed legislation will certainly enhance the definition of a Charity, however, we are very concerned about Section ^8 (2)(c).

This must not be included in the Act. To do so smacks of an overbearing State and in our view a threat to the democracy we enjoy in Australia.


The question must be asked "How did all the alterations to legislation in the field of human services ever come about?" The answer would have to be "By lobbying of organisations involved in the human services and their peak bodies which are supported by those individual small charities"

If the Government persists with this section, lobbying for change of legislation will not go away. It is truly and Australian system which has proved invaluable to the improvement of life in this country.

Further it was not a recommendation of the committee which prepared the original report on charities in Australia, and the only inference that can be drawn is that it has a political motivation. Surely the Federal Government is not so afraid of a funded charity lobbying for change for people who are the most vulnerable in the country.

Section^8(2)(c) must be deleted from the Act.

Yours faithfully,



(Mr. R. V. Bowles)

Member of the Executive