# Save-A-Dog Scheme Inc

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## **Consultation On The Definition Of A Charity**

## Submission – Save-A-Dog Scheme Inc

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#### Dominant (main) Purpose/s Of SADS:

- To save dogs from suffering
- To save dogs which would otherwise be needlessly destroyed
- To enhance the quality of human life by providing companion animals
- To provide people faced with illness, death or hardship with a humane alternative for their companion animals

#### Principle Reasons For This Submission:

- To support the recommendations of the Report of Inquiry's intentions to broaden the definition of a charity
- Donations are the major source of SADS income, however, the lack of tax deductible status of donations to SADS very considerably increases the difficulty in obtaining both corporate and private donations and therefore SADS strongly supports the broadening of the definition of a charity as detailed in the exposure draft of the Charities Bill 2003

### ATO Income Tax Exempt Charity Status:

SADS is an ITEC and does not believe the Charities Bill 2003 will affect its entitlement to income tax exemption.

#### Addition Administrative Burden Of The Charities Bill 2003:

SADS does not believe the Bill would impose any additional administrative burden or any additional costs on its organisation.



#### Flexibility Of The Definition Of A Charity:

SADS believes the definition of a charity contained in the Bill does provide the flexibility to ensure the definition can adapt to the changing needs of society.

#### Inclusion Of Altruistic Dominant Purpose/s In The Public Benefit Test:

Strengthening of the public benefit test would benefit SADS. SADS is totally altruistic, in inspiration, vision, reason for being and in every aspect of the nature of the work it performs and in what it achieves, both for humans and non humans.