

The following submission to “ the contribution by the not-for profit sector” follows I hope the offering is helpful to the inquiry.

Call To Arms!

The current downturn in the economy will relocate about the same number of “troops” to unemployment as the WW2 required the recruitment of soldiers to its the conflict. The period of “dislocation” is likely to be much the same. Volunteers and other support will be needed. The more productive things we do things during the crisis the better we will come out at the end.

What might appear, as a modest review to some may well become a productive social call to arms?

The PC with its social legislation sees benefit to all Australians by the introduction of science to allow us to do more with less. The Act it (PC) works under reveals this. The review needs to look at the whole of the not for profit resume and there needs to be a lot of attention to all volunteer segments including the social group compacts identified as the smaller unincorporated associations.

The Government’s proposed allocation of funding to organizations in the not for profit sector (\$630 million) reminds me of the Australian Assistance Plan 1970’s which worked grants on a connect between the welfare sector/department of social security/community. The scheme helped community groups to work out what they wanted it and how to get it.

There was a particular connect between social workers and security staff at management level and the field. This in is itself was productive. A revisit to the scheme (AAP) is recommended to take advantage previous research and reports.

The ABS might be able to obtain Stats on the smaller NFP by a contact with Social Workers etc who keep lists of these organizations for the referral of clients. A simple on-line listing Secretariat could be considered as well.

There is a lot of productivity to be gained from the application of the emerging “new science” surrounding the “doctrine of competitive neutrality”. The problem is the new science not emerging fast enough. One “committed sector” agency did not know of its existence and another knew of its existence only sufficiently enough to tick the box in an annual report. In any case it is suggested that the Productivity Commission codify the doctrine of competitive neutrality in a manner similar to the replaceable rules contained in the corporation reforms. This would greatly assist the non-profit sector.

I have had first hand experience with the AAP and with CN particularly at the genesis. I would be happy to relate matters of confidential nature or/and attend forums or interview.

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