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SUBMISSION: Productivity Commission Research
into "The Contribution of the Not-for-Profit Sector."

I cannot believe..... Yes, I can!

Why are the roles of volunteers clearly disregarded
in reviews and accounting?

Here we are; a far too silent majority; most of
whom are over 60 years and many in our 70s and 80s.
We run:-

Tourist Information Centres and stops.

Coast and land Care Groups. (Physical labour!)
Op Shops.

Meals on Wheels. Help for Refugees.

Collect, House to House for - Salvos, RedX, Heart
Foundation et al.

Ambulance Service (Tas.)

Fire Service.

Groups for the young after school hours.

Scouts, Guides, Cubs. Men's.

Animal Welfare Groups.

"Fast Call" (24hr. 7 day/wk attending cases of
sudden illness locally, before an
ambulance can arrive).

Hospital Visiting.

Are the Sydney Olympics volunteers remembered?

Attendance and help in floods and fires?

Contribution? IMMENSURABLE!

The above are only some of a volunteer's
activities, let alone the plethora of other
tasks needed within both neighbourhoods
and families.

Personally I'm mighty sick of hearing of the
COST of us elderly (I'm 75). I'm not alone
with these sentiments. **BUT REAL!**

Yours - ever in hope,

Shirley Hock (HRS)