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Attention: Tracey Horsfall

## **Productivity Commission Draft Report on the Contribution of the Not-for-Profit Sector**

Hawthorn Community Chest welcomes the draft report of the Productivity Commission and the opportunity to prepare a submission. We look forward to the improvement and simplification of the tax endorsement process and hope that any changes will help to give greater recognition to the role of not-for-profit groups within our community.

Regarding 'Improved fundraising legislation and reporting requirements', we would like to comment as follows:

Whilst we would support this recommendation in terms of consistency, we would seek some reassurance that the current level of reporting required would not increase, leading to further costs for not-for-profit groups.

Since 1958, Hawthorn Community Chest has raised and distributed funds to charitable organisations, not for profit groups and local residents in need.

Funds are raised through our dedicated volunteer Committee, with one part time employee assisted by local volunteers.

As an independent organisation, we do not receive government or council funding and rely on the generosity of local residents and businesses.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and we look forward to viewing the final Report.

Jane Nathan  
President

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