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Submission - Productivity Commission Study into the Contribution of the NFP Sector

Dear Mr Fitzgerald

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Productivity Commission's Study into the Contribution of the Not-for-Profit (NFP) Sector (Draft Report).

We note that the original terms of reference for the Draft Report compels an NFP focus as opposed to a broader 3rd Sector focus. As such, the needs of other 3rd Sector participants such as membership organisations, co-operatives or sporting bodies for example, while not specifically addressed, are potentially and extensively impacted by many of the recommendations contained within the Draft Report. We suggest that the impacts of your recommendations across this broader group be considered in due course.

CTC Consulting Group Pty Ltd has considered both NFP and 3rd Sector effects in framing our response and supports the majority of recommendations proposed. Support is offered subject to considering the differing needs of National, State and Local organisations. We recommend a tiered approach be devised in close consultation with NFP and 3rd Sector participants to ensure reform is effective at National, State and Local level. We enclose Appendix 1 which provides detailed comments against each of the key recommendations contained within the Draft Report.

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Summary of CTC Consulting Group Pty Ltd response

We support the following recommendations and suggest they be implemented, subject to considering

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impacts on 3rd Sector participants, and as part of an integrated plan given many of the recommendations are mutually and internally related;

- A new national one stop shop to consolidate Commonwealth regulatory oversight
- Simplifying the processes for and improving effectiveness of tax endorsement
- Improving fund raising legislation and reporting requirements
- New Legal Forms to improve options for NFPs
- Promoting national data systems on the NFP sector
- Building a better evidence base for social policy through the adoption of a common evaluation framework
- Promoting dissemination of evidence on effectiveness of social programs
- And encourage philanthropy and giving
- Promoting social innovation
- Supporting capacity to encourage philanthropy and giving
- Through support for paid workforce development
- And Volunteers
- Promoting social innovation
- Providing clarity over funding obligations
- Ensuring appropriate independence and minimal compliance burden
- Getting the model right
- Improving purchaser provider processes
- Improving management and appropriate sharing of risk
- Building stronger, more effective relationships for the future

While we agree that the following items are issues impacting both NFP and broader 3rd Sector performance we do not support the recommended actions in entirety and suggest alternative actions in Appendix 1.

- Supporting capacity to access capital
- Building sector capabilities in evaluation and governance

Should you require further detail relating to this submission feel most welcome contact me by email paulgallimore@ctcconsultinggroup.com or telephone on (02) 4952 8453

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