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Dear Mr Hawkins

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this inquiry. Anglicare Australia has made submissions to the Productivity Commission enquiry into *The Efficiency of the not-for-profit sector* and would like to see future reform reflect the broad goals and structure in that final report.

Anglicare Australia is a network of 43 independent organisations joined by values of service, innovation, leadership and faith that every individual has an intrinsic value. Our services are delivered to one in forty Australians in partnership with those people, the communities in which they live and other like minded organisations in those areas. We are in it with those communities for the long term – our services have been around for up to 150 years.

Over 12,000 staff and 21,000 volunteers work with over 512,000 vulnerable Australians every year delivering diverse services in every region of Australia.

Anglicare Australia agencies provide services to one in forty Australians and about a third of this service is funded by the agencies themselves by fundraising and investments, etc. The removal of FBT concessions for these agencies will impact severely upon every area of their operations. Retention of staff in the sector is difficult and as the Productivity Commission report identified the sustainability of the sector is under severe threat. Removal of FBT concessions for organisations in the absence of broader reform will not be helpful.

We made significant comments to the Senate Inquiry into the Disclosure Regimes for Charities and not for profit Organisations in August 2008 that we feel are pertinent to this inquiry; please find this attached.

Yours sincerely



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