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Manager
Philanthropy and Exemptions Unit
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The Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600

Trans World Radio Submission
Exposure Draft – 'In Australia' Special
Conditions for Tax Concession Entities

Dear Sir/Madam,

In regard to these proposed changes by the Government, it is the recommendation by Trans World Radio Inc. (TWR) that it reconsiders such changes to be consistent with Australia's *character*, and its responsibilities as a leading nation within the global context.

Australia has always been a generous country, however such a reputation is now under threat. Both within the TWR network, and across many other international organizations and the countless people who they assist, it is feared that our nation will be both ridiculed and scorned for the dramatic losses that will be felt due to the development of this non-charitable ethos. Could any Australian government ever attempt to pick up the level of commitment of the nfp sector, who make up a significant portion of Australia's international support?

Not only is it against our character as individuals, organizations and as a nation, it also is out of step with the international context of leading nations where the acquiring of a DGR status is much easier and more fruitful – providing a greater charitable context for each nation, both for its own and also for the broader international community.

By no means should it be 'easy' for new charitable organizations to just appear, however the Government would benefit from providing better scope for existing organizations like TWR, to be able to acquire DGR status, enabling the attraction of more donations for both its international worked, and its planned replication of work in Australia.

Such scope will enable the liberty of Australians, who have the personal conviction and passion to support programs and countries that are close to their hearts, including works conducted in Australia.

Therefore TWR recommends that the Government retains exemptions for all prescribed institutions listed in the current regulations, and also increase its scope.

WHO is TWR?

TWR as a media organisation focuses on the needs of women, children and the development of their communities. Apart from the many holistic projects, it's prime tool of outreach is through media, especially radio as 50-60% of the world remain illiterate. TWR speaks fluently in more than 220 languages and dialects, engaging millions in 160 countries, and who is now accessible by 80% of the world.

To ensure long term change, TWR works together with international partners, churches groups and various agencies, providing relevant programming, resources and dedicated workers. Knowing no cultural, geographical, religious or political boundaries TWR reaches out through broadcasts and local projects such as assisting with community development, literacy, vocational training, micro enterprise loans, health seminars, children education fee support, prison visitation, orphan care, HIV/AIDS care and support, social issues impacting women such as violence, abuses, slavery, isolation etc, and disaster recovery.

Sincerely,



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