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NFP Sector Tax Concession Working Group Secretariat
The Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES, ACT, 2600

Email: NFPReform@treasury.gov.au

Dear Secretariat,

Please find enclosed a submission from the Australian Nursing Federation in relation to the NFP Sector Tax Concession Working Group discussion paper *Fairer, simpler and more effective tax concessions for the not-for-profit sector* (November 2012).

We understand that submissions were due on 17 December. However, we did contact the Secretariat at around that time and were advised that it would be acceptable if we filed a submission by mid January. Part of the reason for delay in filing a submission was that we were not aware of the discussion paper.

It appears that trade unions were not approached directly to respond to the discussion paper. ANF only became aware of it shortly before 17 December, as did the ACTU, and only because third parties brought it to our attention. We find this surprising given that ANF and other unions represent hundreds of thousands of workers who receive benefits as a result of the exemptions/concessions. As not for profit organisations trade unions also receive income tax exemptions. I would request that in any further consultations we be contacted directly.

We are of course willing to discuss our response further should the Working Group or the Secretariat wish to do so.

The contact in our Melbourne office is Leigh Hubbard on 03 96028500 or 0439 312352.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Thomas".

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Federal Secretary
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