



Foundation Barossa
Response to Discussion Paper
'Improving the Integrity of Public Ancillary Funds'

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Foundation Barossa (Barossa Region Community Foundation) is Trustee for 3 charitable funds. Foundation Barossa is a not-for-profit organisation that was conceived ten years ago to support an education scholarship, born from a single local philanthropic donation. Foundation Barossa now operates as the sole community fund in this part of South Australia, and has grown by encouraging families and corporations of the region to donate with the aim of supporting local community projects. Many of these projects are innovative and unique to this region - for which there is currently no other available funding source.

To ensure the perpetuity of scholarships and granting, Foundation Barossa uses only the income earned from capital to fund grants projects. It is Foundation Barossas aim to continue to support the 22,500 people of this agricultural region for many years by building the corpus, increasing the grant making and ensuring the diligent and transparent management of public ancillary funds.

Main Issue of Concern

What is an appropriate minimum distribution rate for a public ancillary fund and why?

Foundation Barossa believes Community Funds should be able to continue with the current method of funds distributions to allow long term sustainability. To distribute according to a percentage of capital value could effectively end a small or emerging community fund such as ours. Especially during global financially contracted periods such as we are currently experiencing. Current requirements to distribute 80% of income will allow us to continue to build and offer greater financial support and service to the Barossa Community.