



**A Good Beginning
for Every Child**

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Manager
Philanthropy and Exemptions Unit
Indirect Philanthropy and Resource Tax Division
The Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Sir

Good Beginnings is a national small/medium size charity that provides early intervention and parenting support programs across every State and Territory in Australia. The feedback that has been provided stems from a fundamental support of the Not-For-Profit (NFP) Sector reform and reduction in red tape. It is widely recognised that there are and will be stages to the implementation of reform and Good Beginnings acknowledges that there has already been substantial consultation across the sector on the definition of a charity.

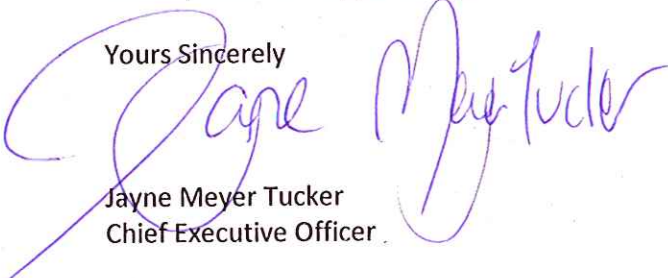
Good Beginnings does not have specific legal expertise and is providing this feedback in the context of an organisation reviewing the bill and explanatory memoranda without the benefit of that specific expertise. Good Beginnings is also aware that the Community Council of Australia has also contributed to the consultation process after engaging with many members across the sector.

For this reason Good Beginnings applauds the action to create a statutory definition of a charity. Good Beginnings does not have any further comment to add, as in its view the key issues raised by the sector have been addressed. For the purposes of transparency, Good Beginnings is a Company Limited by Guarantee, is classified as a Public Benevolent Institution, and has both Deductible Gift Recipient and Income Tax Exempt Status.

Good Beginnings is most willing to play a part in improving the transparency of the sector as a whole. In particular Good Beginnings can provide a unique view due to its small-medium size and national positioning, giving a unique understanding of the challenges at each State and Territory level.

Thank you for this opportunity,

Yours Sincerely


Jayne Meyer Tucker
Chief Executive Officer