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To the Senior Adviser  
Individual and Indirect Tax Division

My name is Danielle OKeefe, I have been in the ROCO process of acquiring DGR status for 16 months. In response to your questions I think streamlining the process and having the ATO create clear and achievable guidelines will clear up what is currently a constantly moving invisible line.

We at the House that Dan Built (a registered NFP charity) were told June 2016 that we satisfied all the requirements of ROCO to be given DGR status. We are still waiting. When myself or other board members have chased the decision we are given no information or ways in which to expedite our process. As a small arts company who do lots of work regionally we have been told that DGR status would be a huge incentive from our donor base. To continue running this year we had to fundraise through a third party which cost us 10% - \$7000, or in terms of our work, a workshop in regional NSW for 35 girls who otherwise would not have had the opportunity.

The concerns I would have in terms of streamlining the process is the loss of support that ROCO does supply in the application, as I feel that the entire process is prohibitive and without clear actionable steps. The staff at ROCO were very helpful in walking us through the process, which would still be necessary if the process were to be streamlined.

Thank you for your time.

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