

Monday, 9 January 2012

The Manager
Philanthropy and Exemptions Unit
Personal and Retirement Income Division
The Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Manager

Re: Review of not-for-profit governance arrangements

I write in response to the Government's request for input to the governance arrangements for not-for-profit entities.

The Jewish Communal Appeal (JCA) is a roof body which acts as the fundraiser, planner and facilitator for the New South Wales and ACT Jewish communities. There are 21 member organisations under the JCA umbrella, together providing services in the areas of community care, schools, tertiary and continuing education, disability, health, aged care, cultural affairs, advocacy, security and sport. The JCA raises funds for distribution amongst its members, facilitates appropriate interaction between communal organisations to ensure appropriate use of resources and plans for future communal needs. We work with our member organisations to ensure optimal use of community resources, efficient delivery of communal services and careful planning for future needs.

Recognising the importance of corporate governance, The JCA has instituted its own set of corporate governance guidelines designed to guide each of the 21 member organisations to an appropriate set of structures and processes for their respective organisation's size and mission. These guidelines focus on, but aren't limited to, laying solid foundations for board and management, striving for effective and appropriate board membership, determining values and culture, safeguarding integrity in financial and social reporting, developing, reviewing and implementing policy, developing strategy and managing risk, managing and remunerating performance and recognising the legitimate interest of all stakeholders.

Whilst we have no specific comments on the consultation paper released in December 2011 we endorse its underlying philosophy expressing the need for appropriate and stringent corporate governance protocols to be instituted by all not-for-profit organisations.

Should you wish to discuss this matter with us further please contact the writer.

Yours sincerely

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