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Abolition of the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission.

As the CEO of Tasmania's peak body for volunteerism, I am writing to you to urge you to oppose the repeal of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission (ACNC).

Volunteering Tasmania (VT) has had the privilege of using the knowledge and support of the ACNC since its establishment in 2012. In the short time in which the ACNC has been established we have found significant improvements in the accessibility of information of charitable bodies.

The ACNC is an essential regulatory body for the non-government sector. Through this body we have had a single point of contact when researching administrative and governance processes, including finding information and advice on:

- Charitable status of organisations
- Conflict of interest
- Dispute resolution

Having this information in one central body has been a significant saving in time and resources for Volunteering Tasmania. Moreover, the expertise and advice given from employees at the ACNC has been exceptional.

The ACNC emerged after decades of consultation with the not for profit sector, as a model to address the regulatory deficiencies within the sector. The ACNC Act and associated legislation provides many legislative protections for the sector that are essential. These include:

- Recognition of the independence of the charitable and not for profit sector
- Protection of the sector's rights to political advocacy

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- Reduction of unnecessary and duplicated regulatory obligations
- Regulatory oversight and transparency within the sector

These are essential protections for the not for profit sector that must preserved.

I would implore you to consider your position in supporting the commission. Using your influence in the Senate, I would urge you to stand with the not for profit sector to oppose its repeal. The ACNC an essential service for many non-government organisations and has achieved its goals of reducing the red tape, administrative costs and burdens for charitable organisations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this issue further. I am available at (03) 6231 5550 or e-mail adriennep@volunteeringtas.org.au

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Adrienne Picone'.

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