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Dear Ms D'Ath

#### **Harmonisation of regulation – Charities**

Queensland Law Society (**the Society**) writes to you, with the assistance of its Not-For-Profit Law Committee, concerning the above.


The Society has written to the previous government urging it to express a policy intent around the desirability of harmonising State regulation with Federal regulation as it relates to Charities.

The Society is aware, from its discussions with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (**ACNC**), that representatives of the ACNC are in consultation with Queensland agencies, the OSR and OFT, in this regard.

Express policy intent from your Government would provide considerable assistance in these ongoing consultations and we commend such an express policy intent to your Government.

Harmonisation would significantly contribute to the efficient operation of the Charitable sector (cutting red-tape) and the desirability of Queensland as a place for the location (and potentially head-quartering) of significant Charitable enterprises. The size and contribution of Charitable enterprises as an employer and contributor to the economy generally is well publicised.

Yours faithfully



Michael Fitzgerald  
President