



PRINCIPLES FOR PHILANTHROPY AUSTRALIA'S PARTICIPATION IN POLICY MATTERS

1. Philanthropy Australia exists to advance philanthropy and giving. Its mission is to lead an innovative, growing, influential and high performing philanthropic sector in Australia. Philanthropy Australia will therefore represent the philanthropic sector in policy and legislative matters which might affect the sector directly or indirectly.
2. Philanthropy Australia's aims in all participation in policy issues are:
 - (a) To encourage and promote giving in Australia
 - (b) To encourage the creation of incentives for giving and the removal of impediments to giving
 - (c) To ensure that members have opportunity to inform themselves on regulatory and policy changes and to participate in the consultation process
 - (d) To encourage all levels of Government in their understanding and support of, and engagement with, the philanthropic sector
 - (e) To ensure that the regulatory environment remains positive and that any regulatory changes are positive for the philanthropic sector
 - (f) To seek solutions that are evidence based, improve government policy, encourage clarity and efficiency, and focus on long term sustainable outcomes
 - (g) To only contribute to broader policy issues affecting giving and the not-for-profit sector if a philanthropic perspective will add significant value.
3. Philanthropy Australia will assess whether - and if so how - it will participate in policy matters on the basis of how such involvement will affect the broad philanthropic sector or a significant portion of it. PA has a policy of circulating its views to members to ensure transparency and enable members to participate in the consultation process.
4. Philanthropy Australia seeks to play a leadership role in the broad and diverse philanthropic sector in Australia, but it is not Philanthropy Australia's role to act as mediator or arbitrator where members have conflicting views or interests. However, Philanthropy Australia remains responsive to contact from members and those in the broader sector who wish to express views on policy matters. Philanthropy Australia will make a decision about whether and if so how the organisation will participate in specific policy issues based on the principles outlined above.

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