



Re : Review of Australia's Tax System

Complexity of Australian Tax Rules for Charities to achieve and maintain eligibility for Tax Deductions

I am writing to you on behalf of the Australian Charity for the Children of Vietnam ( ACCV ). The Charity provides sponsorship and support to poor and blind children in Vietnam, so that they can attend school and university, and begin to break the poverty loop. The mission of the charity is to support education of underprivileged children and teenagers.

Registration of the Charity was granted by the Queensland Government on 10 April 2008 (Registration number CH1679 ).

Revenue currently consists of donations from individuals and fundraisers at local schools. One hundred percent of donations received are distributed directly by the Charity. All running and administration costs are funded by the Vidotto family. All transactions are fully transparent and the Charity is audited in compliance of all current financial requirements for a Charity.

We are currently investigating obtaining DGR status. A number of organisations have expressed interest in providing financial support to ACCV, but would like to be able to claim tax deductions. ACCV is realising the difficult and extremely expensive process involved in obtaining tax deductibility, and at the extent of information and regulatory requirements by the ATO.

We would urge the Australian Government to review the tax regime for charities such as ours to enable easier access to DGR status and more lenient requirements for ATO compliance. Charities such as ACCV have only extremely limited administrative resources. We rely on the kindness and generosity of individuals and organisations to fund our work.

Simplification and easier access to status such as DGR will enable ACCV to raise additional funding to continue working with the poor and underprivileged children of Vietnam. In the proposed review of the current tax regime, simplification of the requirements to achieve and maintain DGR and the consequent access to funding from organisations will enable the work of charities such as ACCV to continue and grow.

We look forward to your acknowledgment and are available to answer any queries.

Yours Sincerely

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