



AUSTRALIAN HOTELS ASSOCIATION

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The Treasury
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Via Email: NFPReform@treasury.gov.au

Dear Manager

**SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE SCOPING STUDY FOR A NATIONAL NOT- FOR-PROFIT
REGULATOR**

The Australian Hotels Association is an organisation of employers in the liquor and hospitality industry registered under the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*. The AHA comprises approximately 5,000 members across Australia serviced by branches in every state and territory plus a Canberra-based national office. The majority of these members are pub-style hotels providing food, beverages and entertainment. In addition, a significant minority of members are accommodation hotels.

As a registered organisation pursuant to the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* our organisation is already subject to stringent reporting requirements pursuant to the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*.

The purpose of the current regulation of industrial organisations is to ensure that our industrial rules are appropriate, that our election of office bearers is independent and transparent, that our annual returns and financial reports are on the public record. We invite you to consult with Fair Work Australia to confirm the extent of the current regulatory regime that industrial organisations are currently subjected to.

From time to time we undertake activities funded through government grants. All our current government grant work is subject to stringent reporting requirements and auditing.

Our status as a registered industrial organisation qualifies us for various tax concessions relating to income tax, fringe benefit tax concessions and capital gains tax to name a few. Accordingly, any withdrawal of concessions would have a detrimental financial impact on our organisation and on our ability to provide services and representation to our members.

We have had the opportunity to peruse the submission of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) of which we are a member organisation. We support the submission of ACCI as it relates to non-profit organisations.

The Australian Hotels Association is opposed to the introduction of any new regulation to cover industrial organisations and submits that such organisations should be exempt from any proposed national regime.

We thank you for the opportunity to contribute the views of our organisation to this scoping study. The AHA is available to expand on any aspect of this submission through our National Chief Executive Officer, Des Crowe, who can be contacted in our Canberra office on 02 6273 4007 or crowe@aha.org.au. Alternatively, if you communicate your outcomes from the scoping study to ACCI they will keep us informed.

Yours sincerely



Des Crowe
Chief Executive Officer

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