

Not-for-Profit Sector Productivity Commission GPO Box 1428 Canberra City ACT 2601

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To Whom it May Concern

Re: Contribution of the Not-for-Profit Sector

Community Child Care (CCC) as the peak body for community children's services in Victoria commends the Productivity Commission on the Draft Research Report into the Contribution of the Not-for-Profit Sector.

CCC supports the intent of the document and urges that the key recommendations in the Draft Research Report be implemented, with the finer details of the proposed recommendations worked out in close consultation with the Not-for-Profit sector.

CCC would also like to offer a general comment on the Productivity Commission's recommendations regarding Smarter Regulation of the Not-for-Profit sector, and more specifically comments about reducing unnecessary compliance requirements – this is a laudable aim however CCC would challenge the view that government regulation is a burden within the children's services sector. CCC believes that compliance with regulatory requirements is an essential component of protecting the wellbeing of children in a mixed economy including commercial service providers.

Yours faithfully

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