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Subject: Support for Philanthropy Australia's submission in response to Treasury's Discussion Paper on Public Ancillary Funds

Dear Manager, Philanthropy and Exemptions Unit,

I write on behalf of the Board of Foundation Boroondara in support of Philanthropy Australia's submission in response to the Treasury discussion paper, *Improving the Integrity of Public Ancillary Funds*.

Foundation Boroondara is a Community Foundation. As described in the submission, our Foundation one of those based on a Local Government Area in Victoria. We are an independent, strategic community philanthropic foundation and an incorporated not for profit organisation. We aim to build a caring and connected community committed to social inclusion.

The *Social Exclusion in Boroondara* research project which was conducted by the Brotherhood of St Laurence and funded by Foundation Boroondara, Camcare and the Rotary Club of Hawthorn showed that 'the general level of affluence in Boroondara serves to camouflage the difficulties experienced by those who are socially excluded'. Hence our Foundation aims to generate funds and is currently working to build a corpus which will enable the Foundation to support in perpetuity those organisations in Boroondara who work with those who are more marginalised and not able to benefit from the opportunities around them, mainly because of financial hardship.

As well as our Social Inclusion Small Grants program, Foundation Boroondara funds a Chances Scholarship program which provides scholarships to (eligible) young people aged between 12 and 25 and another program entitled Kinder+ which assists (eligible) families to cover the gap between the Government subsidy and the actual kindergarten fees.

As a very small Foundation working hard to build a permanent fund which can be called upon to support a range of programs and activities appropriate to the time, we strongly support a simple, user-friendly system which will allow the development and maintenance of a corpus built up through many small fundraising efforts as well as grants and support from benevolent donors.

We commend Philanthropy Australia's submission to you and look forward to hearing the outcome of your deliberations.

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