Improving the Integrity of Public Ancillary Funds

Submission by Fremantle Foundation Limited
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Introduction

Fremantle Foundation wishes to support the submission drafted by Geelong Community Foundation in response to the discussion paper "Improving the Integrity of Public Ancillary Funds".

Fremantle Foundation

Fremantle Foundation geographical area covers 5 local government areas including City of Fremantle, Town of East Fremantle, City of Melville, City of Cockburn and Town of Cottosloe. The population of this area is approximately 214,000 and includes the constituents of Premier Colin Barnett.

Fremantle Foundation's purpose is to facilitate local giving to build community funds to support a thriving Fremantle. Our Patron, Peter Bell, former captain of Fremantle Dockers along with local dignitaries and business leaders support the work of Fremantle Foundation.

Points of Note

Fremantle Foundation joins the Geelong Community Foundation and Philanthropy Australia in committing to clear guidance on establishment, maintenance and governance of Public Ancillary Funds. However Fremantle Foundation notes the following:

- The current guidelines for distribution of income are effective and a change a distribution of 5% of capital per annum could in fact be detrimental to overall distribution levels.
- Efforts should be made to encourage philanthropy at all levels of giving, Public Ancillary Funds allow for smaller amounts of money to be collected without reducing the total capital of community foundations.
- The current level of compliance and transparency is extensive with: requirements of more than 50% of Directors to be responsible persons; requirement to hold a Charitable Collections License (requiring National Police Checks and a designated auditor), requirements for opening bank accounts.
- As a Company Limited By Guarantee we are required to report annually to ASIC.

Yours Sincerely,

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On Behalf of Board of Directors