

National reforms in the not-for-profit sector

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Outline of Presentation

- i. Regulatory reforms
- ii. Tax reforms
- iii. Strategies for advocacy

Regulatory reforms

- Australian Charities and NFP Commission
- Governance framework and standards
- Reform to modernise definition of charity
- Charitable fundraising regulation reform

Tax reforms

- Better targeting of NFP tax concessions - unrelated business activities
- ‘In Australia’ special conditions
- NFP Sector Tax Concession Working Group

Equal pay

- Orders currently being drafted
- Implementation by 1 December 2012
- Commonwealth approach to funding
 - Cwth/state agreements
 - Fee for service
 - Grant agreements

Current Timelines

Restated and standardised special conditions that apply to tax concession entities and definition of NFP	2 nd Exposure Draft	Expected early 2012
A national approach to fundraising regulation	Discussion Paper	Expected early 2012
Better targeting of tax concessions	Exposure Draft	Expected early 2012
Review of corporations limited by guarantee	Exposure Draft	Expected first half 2012
Introducing a statutory definition of 'charity': exposure draft legislation: expected first half of 2012	Exposure Draft Legislation	Expected first half 2012

Strategies for advocacy

- Correcting the sequencing
- Advocating for policies that support an effective, sustainable sector, through:
 - State AND Federal governments
 - WACOSS (and through them the COSS network)
 - NFP Reform Council
 - NFP Sector Tax Concession Working Group

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