



FUTURE LIVING TRUST

CREATING LONG-TERM LIVING SOLUTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Submission – Legal Definition of a Charity – Proposed Bill

The Board of the Future Living Trust make the following comments in relation to the proposed Charities Bill 2013:

- If the aim was to create a simpler test of 'What is a Charity', then any lay person reading the proposed Bill would not find the wording simple, even if it is now somewhat simpler than the current alternative, and;
- All charities currently using the existing test should be grandfathered for a suggested a minimum period of 10years so that their status is not affected unless good cause can be shown by Government or the Regulator. We note that the Fact Sheet says that it is not intended to use the Bill to require re-registration however a specific Grandfathering clause within the Bill is preferred.

In addition, Future Living Trust supports the submission related to this Bill made by the National Disability Services (NDS) and dated May 2013.

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