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Charitable Fundraising Regulation Reform Discussion Paper Infrastructure, Competition and Consumer Division Treasury Langton Crescent PARKES ACT 2600

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Dear Sir/Madam

Charitable Fundraising Regulation Reform Discussion Paper - RSPCA Australia submission

RSPCA Australia makes this submission on behalf of its members - RSPCA ACT, RSPCA Darwin, RSPCA NSW, RSPCA QLD, RSPCA SA, RSPCA TAS, RSPCA VIC and RSPCA WA. We welcome the opportunity to contribute to this important process.

The RSPCA is one of Australia's most enduring charities, working to prevent cruelty to animals in Australia since 1871. The community provides 97 per cent of our annual operating funds via donations, other fundraising activities and fees for service, with governments providing just 3 per cent (approximately \$3 million per annum).

The RSPCA supports the detailed submission by the Community Council for Australia. We look forward to seeing improvements in the regulation of fundraising in order to increase efficiency for charities, allowing the further flow of funds towards the achievement of our mission, while and at the same time demonstrating transparency and accountability to donors and supporters.

Yours sincerely

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