

## Submission regarding DGR status for Men's Sheds and Women's Sheds

My name is Lester Doig and I am President of the Mount Eliza Neighbourhood House in Victoria. We have about 350 members and recently celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are one of about 400 Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria and 1000 nationally.

We were instrumental in establishing the Mount Eliza Men's Shed providing admin and committee support under our auspices. The Shed is now incorporated and manages itself. There is ongoing cooperation with the House on a range of activities and projects.

The proposed DGR category for Men's sheds is an excellent initiative and will greatly improve their ability to offer activities in support of shed members.

I see Neighbourhood Houses as at least as worthy of DGR category as Sheds in that we provide wider community support through a broad range of activities.

So my request is that Neighbourhood Houses be added to the scope of the current bill

Yours sincerely

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