

To whom it may concern,

I am the Executive Director of Melbourne Chamber Orchestra, a charity currently meeting the definition of a Large Charity, with regular turnover of around \$1-1.2m (although 2020 was an exception due to the pandemic conditions.)

Preparing information for full audit is a considerable bureaucratic impost for our organisation. It requires us to divert significant attention to preparing information in forms which are not useful to us except for the purposes of presenting to auditors. We estimate the time taken in preparing for audit at around 100 - 120 work hours, spread between two staff. This is time we could otherwise be spending on more productive matters that benefit the health of the organisation.

Therefore, we'd generally be happy to see a less onerous set of obligations.

However, a shift in Commonwealth obligations would be meaningless to some organisations, unless states mirror these changes throughout their programs. For example, our primary funding is from Victoria and our main funding program requires us to present audited accounts. So if everything doesn't shift together, there will be no advantage.

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