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Dear Treasury,

I have reviewed the proposed changes both in the text for submission and the exposure draft.

This is nothing more than government over reach. These proposed changes represent a draconian clamp down by the government to attempt to curtail and silence charities that, despite doing critical work for either the Australian public or the global community, the government doesn't agree with. The broadening of these laws represents an attack on a healthy and robust democracy. Society and the charities that are part of that, should be able to protest, and should be able to campaign on issues of public importance.

A better solution to this proposal, is to provide more support to charities that increasingly seem to do the work that the government should be. Why it should be that in a country as wealthy as Australia we even need homeless shelters is a larger and more poignant question and not one to be addressed here. But if the government is failing, whether that be socially or environmentally, publicly funded charities should be supported by the government by, at a very minimum, allowing charities the freedom to highlight these issues, through campaigning or peaceful protest and hopefully spur both government and the public, to solve the issues at hand.

Many thanks,

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