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Submission to the Jobs and Skills Boost Consultation

I write on behalf of Challenge DV regarding the Skills and Training Boost draft legislation consultation.

Challenge DV provides both in-person and online domestic violence awareness training to Australian businesses, we have delivered our training to hundreds of thousands of Australians.

Our proven Workplace Prevention Program empowers businesses to be part of the solution. We help develop workplace policy and educate managers and staff to recognise the signs of DFV and respond appropriately.

We create change by raising awareness and educating workplaces about DFV, facilitating partnerships that match corporate organisations or government departments with front-line services, and hosting events that unite a community no longer able to accept abuse or violence of any form.

Our training is recognised by both corporates and government as highly effective. In the last 12 months, we have delivered our training to nearly 100,000 Queensland public servants.

We would like to offer our training to small businesses as part of the proposed bonus 20% tax deduction in the Skills and Training Boost policy.

However, as currently drafted Challenge DV would be excluded from this program as we don't meet the criteria of a "registered body". Becoming a registered body represents a significant and ongoing administrative and cost burden to Challenge DV.

We therefore encourage Treasury to consider other definitions and criteria for eligibility. We are happy to work with Treasury on what criteria would be appropriate for a provider like Challenge DV.

If you would like to discuss our concerns, please don't hesitate to call me on 0417 421 934.

Regards



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