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Cc: 'Bimblebox Nature Refuge'
Subject: Comment on Proposed Rule Changes

Hi,

I understand that, among other things, the definition of Responsible Person will change for our organisation (The Bimblebox Alliance Inc).

I understand the following criteria will be removed:

- past or present office holders of other community organisations;
- person who has held a public position;
- trustees or board members of a not-for-profit school or college; and
- directors of public companies.

And that the list will be restricted to church authorities, school principals, judges, clergymen, solicitors, doctors, and other professional persons, mayors, councillors, town clerks and members of parliament.

As a small organisation (64 members), we don't have anyone that fits the new criteria. I imagine we are not alone in this.

We have members who have held very responsible positions, both currently and in the past, but would now be ineligible to form part of the majority of "Responsible Persons" on the Fund Management Committee.

Would it be possible to keep the current criteria for organisations below a certain size – either in membership numbers or tax deductible funds raised? By their very nature, many environmental organisations are unlikely to attract judges, MPs etc etc.

Have there been issues with the existing criteria?

We respectfully request consideration to either maintaining the status quo for organisations like ours or at least expanding the acceptable criteria for 'Responsible Persons'.

Please acknowledge this submission.

Regards

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