

DGR consultation submission

Thank you for the opportunity to comment of the proposed Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Registers Reform.

I'm in favour of these reforms.

Background

- I've been treasurer of Bat Conservation and Rescue Qld Inc (BCRQ) for four and a half years.
- Our aims are the humane rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick or injured flying foxes and microbats; and the rescue, raising and release of orphaned bats.
- We also educate the public about the importance of bats to the environment.
- As a consequence of our work, by removing bats from public areas, we also provide a public health service, free of charge, which is immensely valuable to Queensland Health.
- We are a small DGR charity, not-for-profit and fully volunteer-run.

Reasons I'm in favour of the reforms

- We currently report to the Queensland Office of Fair Trading (OFT), the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and the Register of Environmental Organisations (REO).
- There is considerable duplication in the questions asked in each report.
- Given this duplication, three reports seems an onerous and needless burden on a small volunteer-run group.
- As a general principle, streamlining and simplification is good policy.
- Although I wasn't involved in applying for DGR status for BCRQ, the proposed speeding up of the process is a positive change in my view.

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