

[On your letterhead]



**Dear [insert name of MP]**

Today I am [we are] writing to ask you to help all Australian charities and their beneficiaries. I am [we are] asking you to take action that will help charities use more of their precious donated funds for their mission, whether that is planting trees, supporting people in their local community who need a hand up, or other activities that make our communities safe, inclusive and vibrant.

I [we] ask that you prioritise reforms to Australia's charitable fundraising laws. They are woefully out of date (pre-internet) and inconsistent across state borders – a donate button on a charity website doesn't confine giving to within those borders, nor does crowdfunding by people wanting to support their favourite charity.

There is a solution that could happen now, without extra funding. The #FixFundraising campaign partners have set this out in their various submissions, most recently to the 2019 Senate Inquiry on the issue; an inquiry where a unanimous (multi-party) report accepted the problem is imposing a significant red tape impost on charities and agreeing action was needed.

Please urge your party to work with other Australian Governments to:

- 1.** Implement the recommendation from the Strengthening for Purpose Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Legislative Review 2018 Report to amend the Australian Consumer Law to clarify its application to charitable and not-for-profit fundraising.
- 2.** Convene a special meeting of all Ministers with responsibility for the Australian Consumer Law to discuss amendments supporting better regulation of fundraising activities, including the core mandatory code of conduct
- 3.** Support the repeal of current state and territory fundraising laws by ensuring the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission is the 'one-stop-shop' for reporting and registration, including secure data sharing with state, territory and commonwealth regulators.

Delay is no longer acceptable. Precious dollars and resources are being wasted which equate to [insert your type of service, eg fewer surf lifesaving boats]

**Yours in anticipation ....**

**How do we #FixFundraising?**

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