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Individuals and Indirect Tax Division
The Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600
Via email: DGR@treasury.gov.au

Dear Sir or Madam,

Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Reforms

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Treasury on the consultation paper - Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Reforms. Appendix A provides more information about Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.

As per our submission last year on Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Reform Opportunities, we support the proposal that deductible gift recipients be registered as a charity. We also support the 12 month transition period and note that the ACNC will need additional funding to support entities during the transition period. We note that this consultation paper includes a power for the Commissioner of Taxation to exercise his discretion to exempt a non-government entity from the requirement to register as a charity in order to obtain DGR endorsement. We understand that these discretionary powers are targeted towards exceptional circumstances and the entity granted an exemption will be subject to ongoing governance standards and be required to report annually to the ATO. As such, we consider the eligibility criteria and arrangements to be appropriate.

Should you have any queries concerning the matters discussed above or wish to discuss them in further detail, please contact Karen McWilliams via email at karen.mcwilliams@charteredaccountantsanz.com or phone (612) 8078 5451.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix A

About Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

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Members are known for their professional integrity, principled judgment, financial discipline and a forward-looking approach to business which contributes to the prosperity of our nations.

We focus on the education and lifelong learning of our members, and engage in advocacy and thought leadership in areas of public interest that impact the economy and domestic and international markets.

We are a member of the International Federation of Accountants, and are connected globally through the 800,000-strong Global Accounting Alliance and Chartered Accountants Worldwide which brings together leading Institutes in Australia, England and Wales, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland and South Africa to support and promote over 320,000 Chartered Accountants in more than 180 countries.

We also have a strategic alliance with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. The alliance represents 788,000 current and next generation professional accountants across 181 countries and is one of the largest accounting alliances in the world providing the full range of accounting qualifications to students and business.