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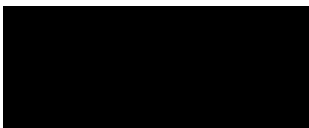
Fundraising Institute Australia (FIA) is Australia's national peak body for the \$13.8 billion charitable fundraising sector. We are an industry body with over 7,000 members who are charities, not for profits, suppliers of fundraising services, and individual fundraising professionals. FIA, among its other professional fundraising activities, champions and facilitates best practice fundraising with a self-regulatory Code of conduct for the sector, the FIA Code. The FIA Code raises the standard of conduct across the fundraising sector, going beyond the requirements of Government regulation, and we monitor member compliance through different mechanisms. FIA also plays an important role in engaging regulators on behalf of its members by representing their interests to governmental authorities and bodies. It is in representing the interests of FIA members that we provide this response on the Charities and Associations Law (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2023.

Tasmania Government Charitable Fundraising Reform

FIA welcomes the adoption of the agreed cross-border recognition model and embraces the efforts underway to achieve consistency in fundraising regulations across Australia. We take note that the National Fundraising Principles will be implemented in Tasmania through a new mandatory Code of Practice which will be established as regulations under the Charities Act.

We are interested in gaining a comprehensive understanding of the breadth of the Code of Practice. We seek to understand how the Code of Practice will be applied across the spectrum of charitable fundraising strategies and practices, including the mechanisms for enforcement and rectification for contravention. We anticipate the release of the draft Code of Practice, and we look forward to engaging with the Tasmanian government in consultations and cooperative efforts before the Code of Practice is Prescribed.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer