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Not-for-Profit Sector
Productivity Commission
GPO Box 1428
Canberra City ACT 2601

Dear Productivity Commission,

Security4Women (S4W), on behalf of its member organisations, welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Productivity Commission Draft Research Report – Contribution of the Not-for-Profit Sector provided by the Office for Women.

The group Security4Women (<http://www.security4women.com>) is one of the four national women alliances and given financial support by the Commonwealth Office for Women. As our name suggests, our member organisations coalesce around issues which impact on women's financial and economic well being at all stages of the life-cycle.

S4W believes that lifelong economic wellbeing is a high priority for Australian women – it empowers women to make choices and live independently. S4W alliance membership are peak bodies and statewide or national organisations that aim to advance the economic well being of women through training and education and provide services to enable all women to improve their economic status and to have access to training and legal services.

Executive Summary

S4W has examined The Productivity Commission Draft Research Report on Contribution of the Not-For-Profit Sector provided by the Australian Government Productivity Commission. S4W would like to congratulate the Productivity for a very informative report. S4W note that there will be many changes ahead for the Not-for-Profit Sector, for example:

- One stop shop to consolidate Commonwealth regulatory oversight.
- Establishing a National Registrar to:
 - consolidate Commonwealth regulation for incorporation of Not-For-Profit associations and companies
 - register and endorse tax status
 - register national fundraising organisation
 - provide a single portal for corporate and financial reporting
- expand DGR status to all charitable institutions and funds endorsed by the proposed national registrar

S4W acknowledges that all the issues raised by S4W have been addressed.

Yours sincerely,



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