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Consultation on the Definition of a Charity,
The Board of Taxation,
The Treasury,
Canberra 2600.

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To the Consultation Manager,
Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre Inc. (KNC) is one of over 300
neighbourhood centres in NSW. We provide a range of services,
activities and opportunities for people in this community. Our focus is
on people who are disadvantaged in a variety of ways and we provide
both direct assistance and advocacy. We are non-profit, altruistic and
managed by a community based committee.

Currently there is discrepancy between services where some DO have
charitable status and some who DON'T. We fall into the latter category
and we believe this is unfair and inequitable.

We therefore argue for changes to existing legislation to bring in
equity to organisations. KNC would benefit, and hence our clients, if
we had this status. In particular, we could receive tax deductible
donations (we presently can't offer this to potential donors) including
being able to apply to philanthropic trusts.

KNC does a mixture of direct help and advocacy - our work is not done
for the personal gain of anyone. Any income goes directly into services

KNC supports the ACOSS submission on this matter.
KNC believes this is a great opportunity to create new legislation and
we urge those in positions to take up this opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Dianne Jacobus,
KNC Manager

Incorporating :
Katoomba Volunteer Carers Service
Neighbourhood Counselling
Katoomba Out of School Hours Care
Community and Cultural Development.

Blue Mountains Home Modification & Maintenance Service
~~Mikayla Occasional Child Care Centre~~
Community Visitors Scheme
Boarding House Project