

Family Life SA

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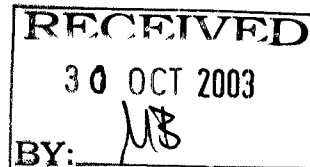
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Monday, 27 October 2003

Consultation on the Definition of a Charity
The Board of Taxation
C/- the Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600



Information sought by the Board to frame its recommendations to the Government

1. Name of Organisation: *Family Life Association of South Australia Incorporated*
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2. Dominant purpose of the organisation:
 - ❖ *The objects of the Association are to promote healthy attitudes towards sexual growth and human relationships.*
 - ❖ *The purposes of the Association are to enhance knowledge and understanding of the sexuality and relationships within the context of family life by;*
 1. *Promoting, encouraging and conducting sexuality and/or relationships education*
 2. *Encouraging open discussion between children and or young people and their caregivers, about sexuality as a natural part of life*
 3. *Helping children and or young people value the importance of their own family unity and the different forms in which family relationships exist.*
 4. *Being a resource for children and young people, caregivers, schools and the wider community about issues of sexuality and relationships.*
 5. *Facilitating liaison between like organisations for peer support at a professional level.*
3. Principal reasons for making a submission:
 - ❖ *Present status not a charitable organisation able to accept tax deductible gifts and therefore anxious to be able to improve status for Association*
 - ❖ *Emphasise the importance this change would make to the financial security and future viability in light of the user-pay climate.*
4. The Association is currently endorsed with the Australian Tax Office as an Income Tax Exempt Charity.
5. The Association is currently entitled to exemption from income tax. We do not expect the Charities Bill 2003 would affect our entitlement to income tax exemption?

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6. Any administrative burdens:

- ❖ *The requirement to open a separate account would be a possible burden however, we believe that it would only incur a small amount of additional book-keeping and auditing requirements.*
- ❖ *There would be additional account keeping fee, but the tax deductible gifts should more than outweigh these costs.*

7. Yes, the Charities Bill 2003 would appear to offer the flexibility for our Association and be able to adapt to the changing needs of society.

8. If the public benefit test were further strengthened by requiring the dominant purpose of a charitable entity to also be altruistic, then we believe this would not affect our organisation. We firmly believe that we already operate under the assumed obligation toward the wellbeing of others and the community generally

Yours sincerely,



Ms Gail Peters
Director, *Family Life SA*

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