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Submission on Exposure Draft of the Incorporated Societies Regulations 2023 and Initial Fees

My opinions on what I have read is:

Allow for all actions eg creation or reporting to be able to be done by mail, not just online.

Not everyone

(a) Has access to a computer/smart phone and

(b) Not everyone has the skills to do things online

eg to be able to run a food bank and fund raise by rattling buckets

or visiting supporters in person to canvas support

does not equate to having minimal IT skills!

Addresses of officers should be available the way Directors/Shareholders of businesses are searchable.

To know who is doing good in a community is beneficial and, to me, also provides more transparency, rather than allowing officers secrecy.

At least 50 per cent of any committee should be members of the entity.

I see no reason to not have a category of members to ensure inclusion, but no charge (eg associate) to have people with supporting the cause to be involved.

Cost to Incorporate should be a lower amount eg \$50 including GST.

The groups of people I am in touch with who would like to do good works, do not have the funds to set-up an entity, before they can then apply for funding or run any fundraising activities. To minimise the cost would encourage people to do good works.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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