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Dear Mr Williams

Thank you for your correspondence on 17 March 2026, originally directed to the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister, concerning Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status for Equality Australia. Your correspondence has been referred to Treasury.

I appreciate that this issue is of great concern to you, and I hope the information below will be of some assistance.

The DGR categories set out in the tax law represent the types of purposes and activities that the government would like to encourage donations towards by lowering the cost of giving. These categories have been established over several decades and are endorsed by the ATO through routine administrative channels.

Occasionally, organisations will have a purpose that doesn't fit within these pre-defined categories but may still warrant deductible gift recipient status. These organisations are named in the Tax Act – known as 'specific listing'.

Both the Australian Taxation Office and Treasury websites provide public information about the process for seeking deductible gift recipient status via specific listing. Both sources of information make it clear that specific listing is a pathway that is intended for organisations that have been found to be ineligible to receive DGR status through routine administrative channels.

The Treasury Laws Amendment (Supporting Choice in Superannuation and Other Measures) Bill 2025 (the Bill) has been passed by Parliament and has received Royal Assent, with Equality Australia now eligible to receive deductible gifts from 1 July 2025.

All of the entities that have been provided DGR status through this Bill have been found ineligible for DGR status through routine channels – rather than being contradictory to the government decision to provide DGR status, this prior ineligibility is the precondition for a government to consider applications for specific listing.

Where you have a genuine concern regarding the conduct of a charity as it relates to a breach of Australian law or the ACNC governance standards, you may wish to raise a concern with the ACNC using their online form: <https://www.acnc.gov.au/raise-concern>.

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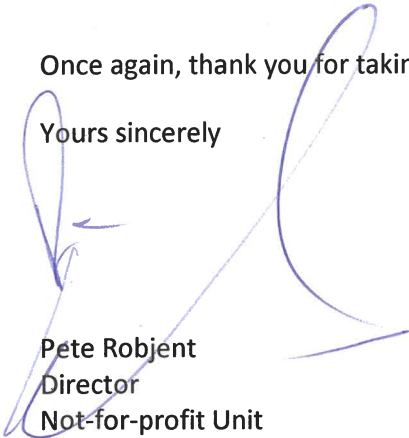
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Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Robjant". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end and a smaller loop at the beginning. A small arrow points from the text "Yours sincerely" to the start of the signature.

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