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RE: Review of Local Government Rating System – Response to Draft Report

The Australian Christian Lobby

The Australian Christian Lobby's (ACL) vision is to see Christian principles influencing the way we are governed, do business, and relate to each other as a community. ACL seeks to see a compassionate, just and moral society through having the public contributions of the Christian faith reflected in the political life of the nation.

With over 50,000 supporters, ACL facilitates professional engagement and dialogue between church and state, allowing the voice of the Church and of individual Christians to be heard in the public square. ACL is neither party-partisan nor denominationally aligned and lobbies in the Federal Parliament and all State and Territory Parliaments.

Review of Local Government Rating System – Draft Report

ACL welcomes the release of the Draft Report of the Review of Local Government Rating System. ACL provided a submission to the review and would now like to provide feedback on the Draft Report. In its previous submission ACL limited its discussion to rate exemptions on land used for religious purposes, therefore, this submission will also limit its focus to this area.

Rate exemptions on land used for religious purposes

Page 80 of the Draft Report makes the draft recommendation that some explicit exemptions should be retained, among these is *section 555(e) Land used by a religious body occupied for that purpose*.

The retention of this exemption is an appropriate recommendation and welcomed by ACL.

Regards,



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