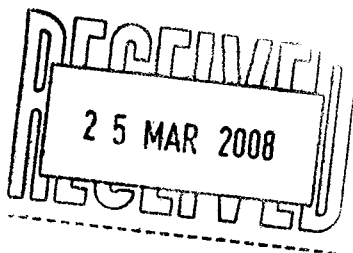




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Dear Mr Barber

STATE SERVICES AUTHORITY REVIEW OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT REGULATION

I refer to your letter to the Premier dated 20 December 2007. The Premier has referred your letter to me for a response.

The Victorian Government is currently developing a “whole-of-government” response to the State Services Authority Review of Not-for-Profit Regulation and the Stronger Community Organisation Project. Your concerns regarding future arrangements for annual reporting by incorporated associations and for the regulation of large associations have been noted and will be taken into account in finalising the Government response.

In the “Annual Statement of Government Intentions” released in February 2008, the Premier noted that proposals for reform in response to the reviews would be released for public consultation and comment.

In considering reform of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*, the Government will focus on achieving an appropriate balance between reducing the administrative and regulatory burden on not-for-profit associations while ensuring appropriate levels of transparency and public accountability.

Thank you for taking the time to raise this matter.

Yours sincerely

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