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ACNC abolishment will save significant costs for the charitable sector

The abolition of the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commissions (ACNC) will save significant costs for the charitable sector and eliminate unnecessary red tape.

The Financial Services Council estimates that charitable trusts alone will save more than \$2 million in compliance costs with the disbandment of the ACNC and the costs to the entire charitable sector, including charitable entities, is likely to be much more.

“This is money which can be allocated to charitable areas where it is most needed,” John Brogden CEO of the FSC said.

“We commend the government for unwinding the ACNC,” he said. “It was more of a cost burden to the charitable sector, than a significant benefit.”

The ACNC was established to provide information to assist charities to meet their obligations. Its role was extended under the previous government to an unprecedented level giving it powers beyond ASIC’s.

According to the FSC, the information role of the ACNC is of little benefit to the sector.

“There is an abundance of freely available information in the public domain,” Mr Brogden said.

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