

## **Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland**

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### **Submitter Comments:**

As a volunteer in QLD for the past 5 years, I have noticed that the funding of the not for profit entities and facilities is lacking from all levels of government. These not for profit agencies are the workplaces of the millions of volunteers and they generate the billions of dollars of social capital, as outlined recently in the 'Volunteering QLD 2024 report'. In QLD our state government makes only \$60m available through the Gambling Community Benefits Fund, and is heavily oversubscribed, the amount of the grant has not materially changed in the last 25 years, yet infrastructure and operating costs have blown out exponentially. Furthermore, the QLD government receive over \$5b in gambling taxes, these funds should primarily into not-for-profit infrastructure and operation expenses. The ripple effect of investing in volunteers is profound.