

## **Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland**

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### **Submitter Comments:**

I volunteer in three separate not-for-profit associations and within those, in several sub-committees. Generally the sub-committees are filled reasonably well including the leadership role. It is the management committee positions that typically are difficult to fill. Members are increasingly reluctant to take on the responsibility due to the extent of required 'paperwork', which can be confusing to understand, the fear of litigation and the duty of care for members and an increasing lack of respect for authority. I sense that the later retirement age of persons who typically make up the volunteer pool, leaves persons 'tired' and unwilling to take on a role which distracts from their enjoying later life. A great opportunity exists for government to channel the importance of volunteering and charity through the education system. In the same manner democracy and civics are (supposed to be) taught. Government needs to take this initiative since generations have failed to set an example for succeeding generations.