

## Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

**Submission No:** 275  
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### Submitter Comments:

I am chairperson of a large body corporate on the Gold Coast (but I make the Submission on my behalf), which is a significant voluntary activity I undertake. Given the number of body corporate committees in Queensland, participation in body corporate committees must be a significant proportion of the total volunteering activity in the State - one with a significant community benefit, albeit not with one of the social or environmental outcomes normally associated with volunteering activity. My submission is that the Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997 fails to recognise this fact. One result is that the contribution of voluntary committee members goes unappreciated in, for example, adjudicator decisions made under the Act. I suggest therefore that the Body Corporate and Community Management Act be amended to include support for voluntary participation in body corporates as one of its objectives. Similarly, the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 also makes no reference to the voluntary nature of most of the bodies it covers. The purposes of this Act should also be amended to support volunteers. I am not aware of the provisions of other Acts relevant to volunteering in Queensland, but I suggest that all such Acts be reviewed with a similar intent of providing support for those who choose to volunteer for the benefit of others in the community.