



familycare



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The Great Divide- The changing role of the
traditional funder/provider relationship

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Presentation Focus

Aims to frame up a topical question which is now shaping contemporary practice in not only the child and Family Services Sector but the Country as a whole.



History

- Straight Funder Relationship
- Straight Provider Relationship
- Role and Flexibility of the Community Service Organisation/Non Government Agency or Not for Profit



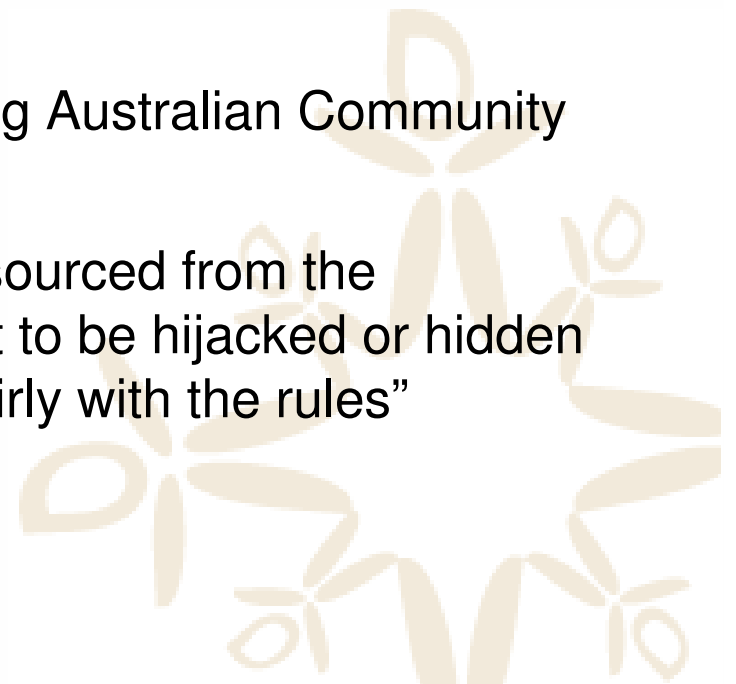
2008 – Changing Models

Currently over 700,000 CSO in Australia

Communities in Control Conference 2008

Focus on localised, independent and strong Australian Community Sector

“that power in an organisation is properly sourced from the organisations own community, that it is not to be hijacked or hidden away, and that it is able to be contested fairly with the rules”



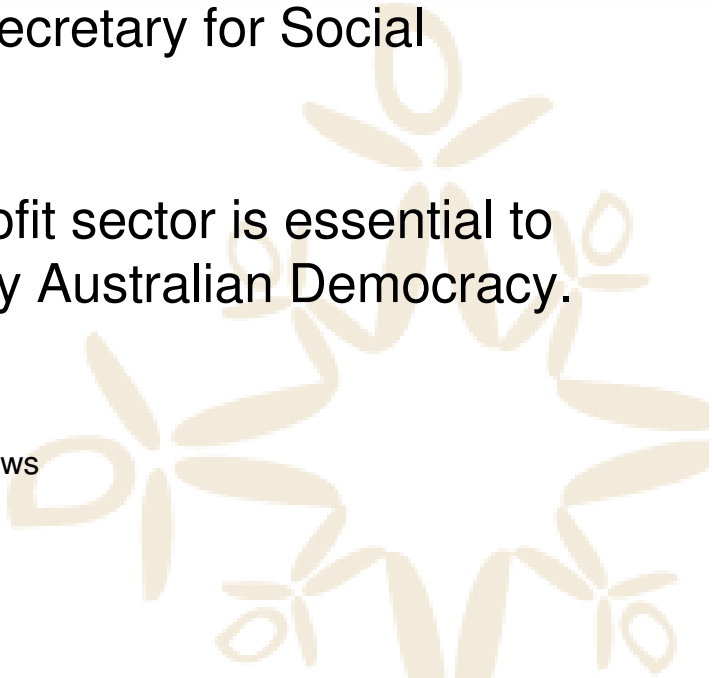
Australian Examples

- New tilt from seeking to constrain to “freeing of the CSO” – FRC example

- Senator Ursula Stephens Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector;

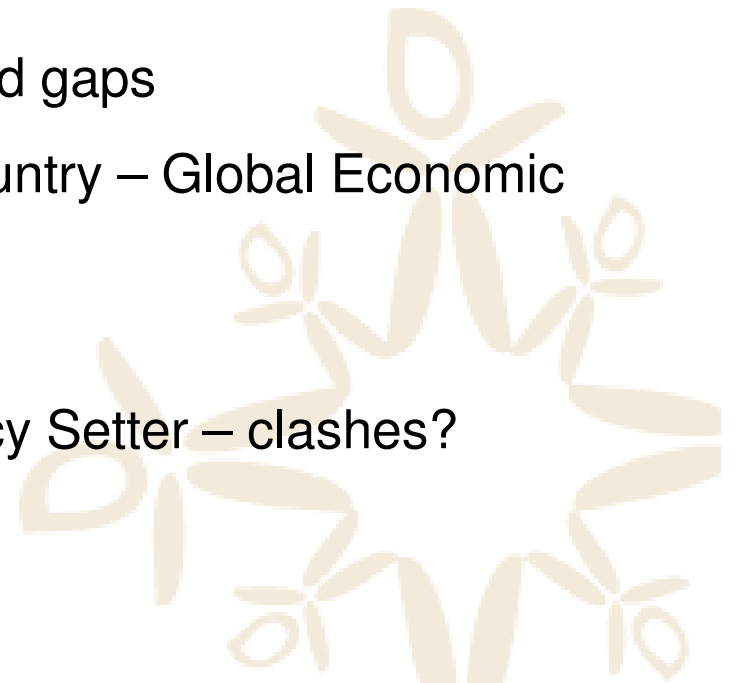
“A strong, vibrant and innovative not-for-profit sector is essential to the social inclusion agenda and to a healthy Australian Democracy.”

Ref: Across National Conference 2008 Centre for Excellence: April e-news

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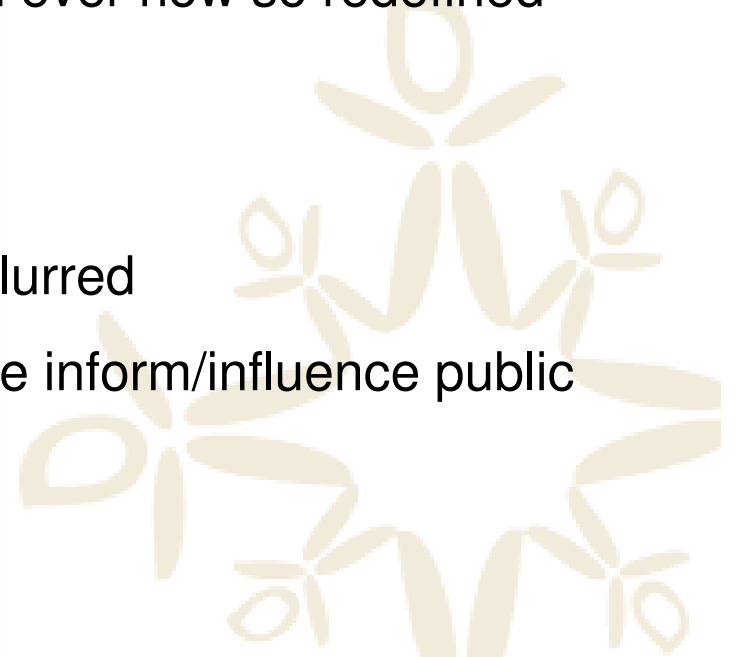
Australia

- Federal Government is resolute to fund private providers, example ABC Learning Centres, Car Industry
- Exposes Governments own limitations and gaps
- Seeing increasing scrutiny across the Country – Global Economic Meltdown
- Lines in the sand now blurred
- Service Provider/Advocate – Funder/Policy Setter – clashes?



Interests of the Community

- What is in the best interests of the Country/Community
 - How are roles/responsibilities defined and ever now so redefined
- Government – Non Government
- Commercial – Not for Profit
- Once clear and defined but increasingly blurred
 - How do we get a balance between how we inform/influence public policy?



Victoria Examples

- Children, Youth and Families Act 2005
- Child FIRST
 - Alliance
 - Governance
 - Risk/Responsibility
- Cross over funder/provider



Partnerships

- Power in Partnerships
- Cost of Partnerships
- Blurred lines in Partnerships
- Why Partnerships?



Victoria

- Red Tape/Bureaucracy
- Quality/Registration
- Influence practice
- Bringing together of two very different philosophical and historical systems

Surveillance v support
Protections v connection



Into the Future 2008 and beyond

VCOSS State Budget submission 2009 – 2010

OECD: Sustainable Development

Critical issues OECD website

www.oecd.org

2001 raises key points

- Integrate policies across the economic, social, environmental spheres
- Engage the community in a significant way in the process of policy making and implementation

