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The Treasury
Langton Crescent
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Minimum Tax on Discretionary Trusts – Exposure Draft legislation

Anglicare Australia welcomes the release of the Exposure Draft Treasury Laws Amendment Bill 2026: Minimum Tax on Discretionary Trusts, and the opportunity to comment on the proposed measures.

Anglicare Australia strongly supports the proposed measures. We have long advocated for increasing tax on discretionary trusts, alongside changes to the capital gains discount and negative gearing settings, as parts of a broader reform agenda to reduce economic inequality in Australia.[i]

Discretionary trusts enable those with financial means to reduce or avoid income and corporate tax, resulting in lost revenue for the Government and society. Our research estimates that this capital mostly goes to the wealthiest Australians, widening the gap between them and the financially disadvantaged.[ii] Trust holdings have also risen, further revealing how they grow wealth inequality.[iii]

A minimum thirty percent tax on discretionary trusts would provide an opportunity to reduce the gap in our two-class tax system between low-income earners and high-income earners who benefit from tax breaks. We therefore urge the Government to fulfil its commitment to use the increased revenue gathered through these measures to support low-income earners who are struggling.

We would welcome the opportunity to further discuss any matters raised in this submission with you. Please do not hesitate to contact us at: anglicare@anglicare.asn.au.

Yours sincerely,

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[i] Anglicare Australia (2024) Widening the Gap: Worsening Wealth Inequality in Australia.
[ii] Anglicare Australia (2023) A Costly Choice: Tax Cuts, Concessions, and Widening Inequality.
[iii] Ibid.