

Dear Karen,

RE: Productivity Commission 'Future foundations for giving' draft report

I have read the draft report and am writing to table my concerns on issues that are evidenced in the report.

The report states that particular subtypes including religion, social welfare and education (primary, secondary and religious) will be excluded from the DGR system.

I write as a concerned parent of two daughters currently enrolled in an independent school.

If the Government adopts the Productivity Commission's recommendations, I am concerned that current donations and giving to the school will be reduced and this will, in turn, increase our school fees.

In addition to this I worry that decreased giving will have a direct impact on the school's ability to fund building and infrastructure upgrades which are so needed to maintain the standard of education in our schools and our children's academic progress.

Public schools in our area are crowded and I do not wish to be forced to take my daughters out of their current school and for them to attend the local public school where their academic success will be limited.

The report seems to me to be a direct attack on the basis of religion which forms a major foundation and part of many current independent schools across Australia.

I ask that my concerns are considered.

Yours sincerely,

William Le Souef