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Dear Karen,

Productivity Commission Future foundations for giving draft report.

After reading the draft report I am concerned about the recommendations to scrap the deductible gift recipient status for non government primary, secondary, childcare, aged care and other religious organisations.

My grandchildren attend an independent school that benefits heavily from DGR status for upgraded works and building extensions. So, what concerns me is the added financial pressure that will be placed on the families with the possibility of increased fees due to the reduction in giving by individuals and businesses because of the loss of tax benefits.

Without the improvement to buildings and facilities the level of education for our children will decline, affecting their ability to learn. A good teaching environment is essential for both students and teachers.

I feel if the government takes on this recommendation the school fees will rise too much so our children will need to be sent to our local public school which I believe is already at capacity.

A good education is essential for this generation and those that follow but it needs to be affordable which is what the DGR does for education.

I am sure there are a number of other families that will be impacted by this recommendation, so please consider my concerns.

Yours sincerely,

James Greene