

Subject: Concerns Regarding Productivity Commission 'Future Foundations for Giving'

Dear Karen,

I trust this message finds you well. I wanted to bring to your attention my thoughts on the recent draft report from the Productivity Commission titled 'Future Foundations for Giving.'

Having thoroughly reviewed the document, I appreciate the commendable findings and recommendations it contains. However, I find myself particularly concerned about the proposed elimination of deductible gift recipient (DGR) status for non-government entities, specifically those in primary, secondary, childcare, aged care, and other religious organizations.

This issue hits close to home for me as my children are currently enrolled in an independent school that greatly benefits from its DGR status. In these challenging times of unprecedented cost-of-living pressures, the removal of such a tax benefit could potentially drive-up school fees. This, in turn, may result in reduced contributions from businesses or individuals.

My primary worry is that if the government adopts this recommendation, families like mine may be compelled to shift their children to overcrowded local public schools. This shift could have detrimental effects on their learning experiences and hinder their academic potential.

I kindly request that you take my concerns into consideration during the evaluation process. I believe our family's situation is not unique, and many others could face similar challenges if this recommendation is implemented.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Parsons